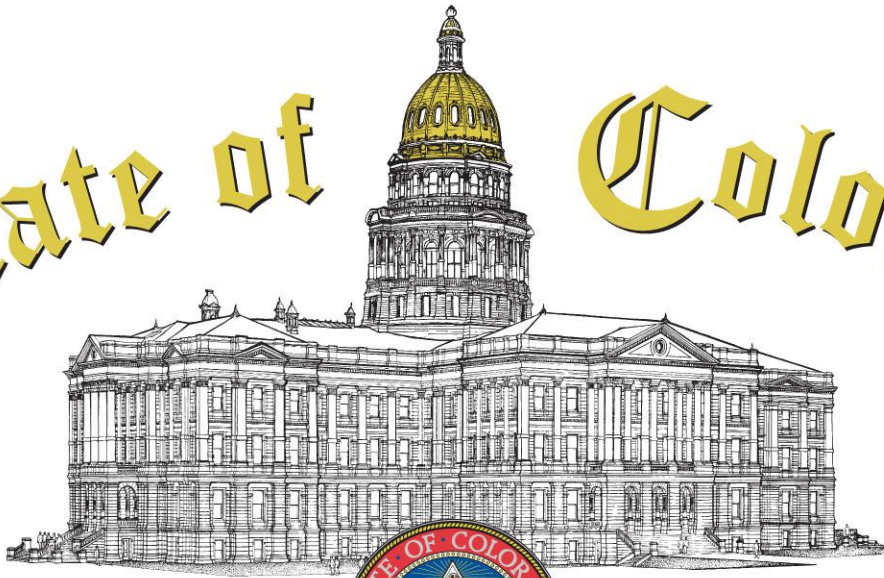


State of Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, General Aviation and Community Airports play a critical role in the lives of our people, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the state of Colorado has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 76 airports, which serve 17,819 pilots and 5,483 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado general aviation airports contribute \$2.1 billion or \$479 per capita, to the state's economy yearly; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation sustains 22,650 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$750 million. These figures increase substantially when factoring in general aviation jobs at commercial-service airports across the state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 40 charter flight companies, 69 repair stations, and 16 flight schools operating 141 aircraft and providing 212 jobs. In addition, there are 70 fixed-based operators in the state; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Colorado depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim July, 2013

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of July, 2013,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John W. Hickenlooper'.

*John W. Hickenlooper
Governor*

