

Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction in the state of Colorado has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Grand Junction Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 61 public-use airports, which serve 17,583 pilots and 5,468 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 68 fixed-base operators, 75 repair stations, 185 heliports, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,098 flight students and 3,668 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Colorado contributes over \$2.4 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Colorado's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

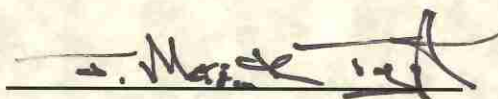
WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2018 as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all the citizens of the City to recognize general aviation as a vital strategic resource.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 7th day of February 2018.



Mayor

