

City of Brookings *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of Oregon citizens, in the operation of our farms and businesses, and in our response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, community airports and airport operators, educational institutions and aviation organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are 97 public use airports and over 360 private airports in Oregon which are part of the essential national system of airports serving our nation's 617,000 pilots; and

WHEREAS, there are over 400 aviation related businesses in 78 cities throughout the state with an average wage of over \$62,395 and Oregon airports are responsible for over 12,000 family wage jobs and over \$2 billion in economic impact attributable to the State's aviation industry; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Oregon Pilots Association, Columbia Seaplane Pilots Association, Oregon Aviation Cluster, Oregon Airport Managers Association, Recreational Aviation Foundation, Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Oregon and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, many Oregon communities depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and direct Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure its stable funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ron Hedenskog, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby join Governor John Kitzhaber in proclaiming general aviation to be a vital strategic resource to the State of Oregon and declaring March, 2014 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

In Witness Whereof, I, Mayor Ron Hedenskog, do hereto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Brookings, Oregon, to be affixed this

24th day of March, 2014.

Ron Hedenskog
Mayor Ron Hedenskog

