



## 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor*

