WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play critical roles in the lives of Washingtonians, as well as the operation of businesses, industry, ranches, and farms; and

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

WHEREAS, Washington is home to public-use airports serving an average of 17,953 pilots and 9,973 general aviation aircraft annually; and

WHEREAS, public-use airports support 248,500 jobs, $15.3 billion in wages, and $50.9 billion in total economic activity; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in our state’s response to emergencies and natural disasters, and many communities depend on it for the continued flow of commerce and tourists; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to 44 charter flight companies, 105 repair stations, and 34 schools, provides 1,795 jobs, and there are 55 fix-based operators in the state; and


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June, 2017 as

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 10th day of May, 2017

Governor Jay Inslee