

Executive Department State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho 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, according to a PricewaterhouseCoopers study on the contributions of general aviation to the U.S. economy, general aviation in Idaho contributes over \$1.1 billion to the state's total economic activity; and

WHEREAS, according to a PricewaterhouseCoopers study on the contributions of general aviation to the U.S. economy, general aviation supports 7,900 jobs in Idaho, resulting in \$342 million in labor income; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics reports that Idaho has 117 public-use general aviation airports, and according to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) data these airports serve 4,834 pilots and 2,966 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, FAA data shows that Idaho is home to 29 repair stations, five FAA-approved pilot schools, 902 student pilots and 809 flight instructors, and there are 91 fixed-base operators registered in Idaho and listed in the AC-U-KWIK directory, and according to the Helicopter Association International there are 257 heliports in Idaho; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim June 2016 to be

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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