

Proclamation

“Washington General Aviation Appreciation Month”

June 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Pasco, Washington, 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 Pasco Airport have an immense economic impact on the Tri-Cities; and

WHEREAS, Pasco has a special connection to air history including the first commercial air mail flight 90 years ago; service to country as a Naval Air Station in World War II; and long-time host to the community’s largest event, the annual Tri-City Water Follies and Airshow; and

WHEREAS, the Pasco Airport is the primary airport in the Tri-Cities and region for training of new pilots via long-time fixed base operator and general aviation supporter, Bergstrom Aircraft, as well as numerous aviation enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, according to the WSDOT Aviation Division, Washington is home to 123 public-use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, Washington airports serve 18,753 pilots and 7,249 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the Aviation Economic Impact Study, airports in Washington support 248,000 jobs, a payroll of \$15.3 billion and \$50.9 billion in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, according to the Merge Global Report, general aviation in Washington contributes more than \$3.1 billion to the state’s economy; and

WHEREAS, according to the Washington Aviation Economic Impact Study, Washington’s eight seaplane bases support an economic output of approximately \$3 million annually; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Washington'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 to ensure stable funding of this system.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matt Watkins, Mayor of the City of Pasco, Washington, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as,

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and hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Pasco and State of Washington.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Pasco, State of Washington, to be affixed this 31st day of May 2016.




Matt Watkins, Mayor
City of Pasco