



CITY OF ANACORTES PROCLAMATION

General Aviation Appreciation Month

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, 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 State has 123 public use airports serving 18,753 pilots and 7,249 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS Public use airports support 248,000 jobs, \$15.3 billion in wages, and \$50.9 billion in total economic activity, Washington is home to 45 charter flight companies, 110 repair stations, and 31 flight schools operating 151 aircraft and providing 310 jobs with 62 fixed-based operators in the state; and

WHEREAS according to the Merge Global report general aviation in Washington for \$3.1 billion in economic impact and supports 7,615 jobs in the state of Washington within a 25 mile radius of Anacortes, general aviation has a local economic impact of over \$125 million and supports over 1800 jobs; and

WHEREAS the City of Anacortes and the state of Washington have a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation as a resource that drives economic growth for our community's farms, and sustains critical services such as medical care and disaster relief.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Laurie Gere, Mayor of the City of Anacortes, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as

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in the City of Anacortes, and invite all citizens to recognize this occasion.

Signed this 6th day of June 2016.

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Laurie Gere, Mayor