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 Colorado 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, Colorado is home to 75 airports, which serve 24,118 pilots and 8,074 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado general aviation airports contribute $2.1 billion or $479 per capita, to the state’s economy annually; 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; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 40 charter flight companies, 69 repair stations, and 16 flight schools operating 141 aircraft and providing 212 jobs; 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 Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado do hereby proclaim June 2011, GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-eighth day of April, 2011

John Hickenlooper
Governor