

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has acknowledged that (a) there exists a need to promote the safe operation and accessibility of general aviation and intrastate commercial aviation in our state; (b) improvement of general aviation and intrastate commercial aviation transportation facilities will promote diversified economic development across our state; and (c) accessibility to airport facilities for state residents is critical in the event of a medical or other type of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's system of 74 public use airports, including 60 public use general aviation airports, are essential to the transportation, economic development, emergency response, and other needs of communities of all sizes across our state; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics is continuing its nationally-recognized innovation, and has developed and implemented the nation's first statewide General Aviation Airport Sustainability Program, designed to easily and cost-effectively assist Colorado general aviation airports to become more environmentally, financially, operationally, and socially sustainable; and

WHEREAS, Rifle Garfield County Airport has elected to participate in the State's General Aviation Sustainability Program by implementing an Airport Sustainability Plan, officially demonstrating its outstanding commitment to being a responsible and sustainable transportation asset to its local community and to Colorado's entire aviation system; and

WHEREAS, such participation reflects highly on Rifle Garfield County Airport in addition to the Garfield County and Rifle communities, and clearly demonstrates the Airport's commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes Rifle Garfield County Airport for its participation in the Colorado Division of Aeronautics' General Aviation Sustainability Program, and commends its management, staff, and supporters for their dedication and commitment to the airport, the community, and the entire Colorado aviation system;

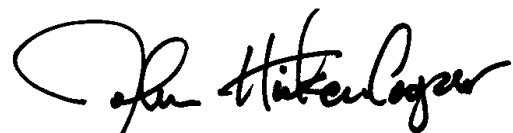
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, June 2, 2016, as

RIFLE GARFIELD COUNTY AIRPORT DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this second day of June, 2016




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor