

PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Craig in the state of Colorado 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 Craig-Moffat Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Craig; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 61 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 17,435 pilots and 5,412 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to 70 fixed-base operators, 71 repair stations, 447 heliports, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,528 flight students and 2,817 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Colorado contribute \$2.4 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Colorado'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, Ray Beck, Mayor of the City of Craig, do hereby proclaim this 14th day of June that general aviation is a vital strategic resource to the City of Craig and declare **June 2016** as **GENERAL AVIATION AWARENESS MONTH**.

SIGNED:

Ray Beck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Larson, City Clerk