Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

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 Idaho has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has 126 public-use airports, serving 5,900 pilots and 2,900 general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 Idaho Airport System Plan, the annual economic impact of general aviation in Idaho is over $426 million; the same report found that the total annual economic impact of aviation in Idaho is $2.1 billion; Idaho airports and visitors who arrive by air are responsible for 4 percent of the state's estimated gross domestic product (GDP); and

WHEREAS, Idaho's general aviation airports create 4,096 jobs annually, with an estimated payroll of $133 million; and

WHEREAS, according to the Idaho Transportation Department, approximately 23,000 residents of Idaho owe their jobs to the aviation industry, representing 2.9 percent of all jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Idaho Aviation Association, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Idaho and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, general aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Idaho depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim June 2014 to be

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fourth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE