

City of Minot

Office of the Mayor

North Dakota General Aviation Proclamation

WHEREAS: The state of North Dakota has a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators.

WHEREAS: North Dakota has 89 public-use airports, 2,998 pilots, and 1,336 general aviation aircraft, and aviation plays an increasing role as an economic catalyst in North Dakota, contributing \$1.6 billion annually to the state's economy, and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's aviation industry is an important component of the state's economic development efforts, creating opportunities for communities, businesses and citizens; and

WHEREAS, beyond the movement of goods and services, the state's aviation industry supports thousands of jobs and contributes more than a billion dollars in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, many North Dakota businesses use aviation as a tool for conducting daily operations, including the transportation of personnel and freight, air emergency service, aerial crop spraying, wildlife control and law enforcement observation; and

WHEREAS: The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important, public benefit, and direct, Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system.

WHEREAS, airlines operating from North Dakota flew 1.6 million passengers on 64 daily flights in 2010; and **WHEREAS,** aviation impacts many sectors of our economy and state; last year, air travel tourism contributed \$500 million to the state's economy, aerial applicators sprayed more than four million acres of crops, two million packages were delivered as a result of air delivery service and 500 air emergency ambulance flights were deployed.

WHEREAS, The 147 agricultural operations employ 283 airplanes and spray 3.3 million acres of land. These organizations support economic activity totaling \$82.5 million and tourism contributes \$13.08 million to the state's economy. According to the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission, in 2008 there were 242 agriculture-sprayer aircraft registered in North Dakota which serve approximately 5.0 million acres.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of Minot, North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April, 2014, GENERAL AVIATION Month in the state of North Dakota.

Dated this 1st day of April 2014.



Curt Zimbelman, Mayor

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