



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
Governor

PROCLAMATION  
**AVIATION MONTH**  
MARCH 2017

**WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organization, public airports, and airport operations; and

**WHEREAS**, aviation and the aerospace industry continue to play an increasing role as an economic catalyst in North Dakota, creating over 32,000 jobs and contributing \$3.6 billion annually to the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota has 89 public-use airports across the state, serving more than 3,300 in-state pilots and more than 2,000 state-registered aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, 2.1 million passengers utilized commercial air transportation within North Dakota in 2016 and contributed over \$575 million to the state's economy through commercial passenger visitor spending; and

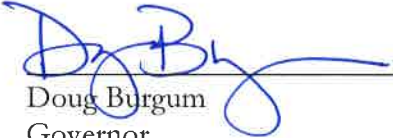
**WHEREAS**, North Dakota boasts of world premier aviation education, product development, and technological advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota is home to one of six designated Unmanned Aircraft System test sites in the nation where research is being conducted to help integrate this new industry into the national airspace system; and

**WHEREAS**, aviation is also an essential part of our agricultural productivity as 105 aerial applicator businesses provided services to more than 3.6 million acres of crops in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the communities within North Dakota depend heavily on their community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2017, **AVIATION MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State