



## PROCLAMATION

### General Aviation Appreciation Month 2020

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Forks in the state of North Dakota 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 Grand Forks International Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Grand Forks; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation airports in North Dakota support more than \$121 million in annual economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports North Dakota's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

**WHEREAS**, these aircraft and our network of airports represent a national public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

**WHEREAS**, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael R. Brown, Mayor of the City of Grand Forks, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic asset to the City of Grand Forks and declare March as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Grand Forks.

  
Michael R. Brown, Mayor