



City of Grand Forks

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PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH 2018

- 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,** North Dakota is home to 89 public-use airports, which serve 3,600 pilots and 2,000 active general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS,** North Dakota is home to 53 fixed-base operators, 12 repair stations, 17 heliports, 1 FAA-approved pilot schools, 856 flight students and 496 flight instructions; and
- WHEREAS,** general aviation in North Dakota contributes over \$121 million in total economic output; 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, 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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

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

Michael R. Brown, Mayor

02/21/18
Date