

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, according to the South Dakota State Aviation System Plan 2020, general aviation in South Dakota contributes over \$907 million to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, according to the South Dakota Office of Aeronautics, South Dakota has 68 public-use airports, which serve 2,578 pilots and 1,991 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the South Dakota State Aviation System Plan 2020, general aviation supports over 8,800 jobs in South Dakota, resulting in \$363 million of labor income; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports South 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 emerging technologies; and

WHEREAS, general aviation has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an impact on operations, jobs, and dependent industries, sectors, and communities; and

WHEREAS, general aviation stands to be at the forefront of the overall economic recovery; and

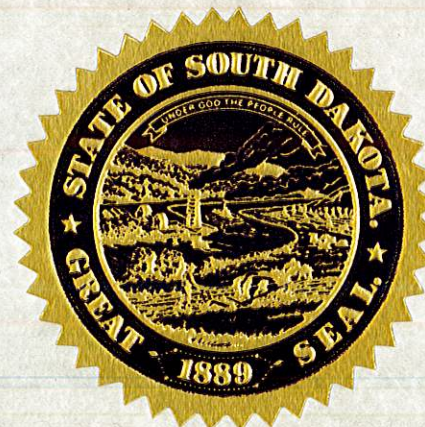
WHEREAS, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and the success of our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTINOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2021, as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH


in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this seveth day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.




Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:


Steven J. Barnett
Secretary of State