

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and,

*Whereas*, the 2020 South Dakota State Aviation System Plan & Aviation Economic Impact Study found that general aviation in the state contributes an estimated \$75 million in economic impact annually, supports almost 700 jobs, and provides a total payroll of \$35 million; and,

*Whereas*, according to the FAA, the state has 70 publicly owned airports serving general aviation. These airports serve almost 2,700 pilots and 2,025 registered aircraft; and,

*Whereas*, according to the FAA, the state is home to 12 repair stations, two FAA-approved pilot schools, 875 student pilots, and 475 flight instructors; and,

*Whereas*, general aviation improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, and investments in sustainable fuels and emerging technologies; and,

*Whereas*, general aviation airports are critical infrastructure that ensure future economic growth and support our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots:

*Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2024, 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 Twenty-fifth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

  
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

  
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State