

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, Bowman 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 Bowman Regional Airport have a significant economic impact on the City of Bowman; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 North Dakota Statewide Aviation Economic Impact Study found that general aviation airports in the state support annual business revenues of \$121 million, more than 900 jobs, and a payroll of \$41 million;

WHEREAS, according to the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission, the state has 89 public-use airports. These airports serve almost 4,000 pilots and almost 2,300 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, according to the FAA, the state is home to 13 repair stations, 1 FAA-approved pilot school, almost 1,600 student pilots, and almost 600 flight instructors; 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, disaster relief, investments in sustainable fuels and technologies, and investments in innovative experimental technology like Vertical Takeoff and Landing vehicles, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, the United States faces a shortage of aviation professionals, leaders should invest in this critical infrastructure to ensure future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lyn James, President of the Bowman City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.

Lyn James, President of City Commission

ATTEST:

Peggy Allen City Financial Auditor