PROCLAMATION General Aviation Appreciation Month 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Grant in the state of Nebraska 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 Grant Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Grant; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is home to 80 public-use airports, which serve 3,566 pilots and 2,175 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is home to 70 fixed-base operators, 13 repair stations, 37 heliports, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, 932 flight students and 537 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Nebraska contributes over \$1.2 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Nebraska'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 Wyatt, Mayor of the City of Grant, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Grant and declare May as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Grant.

Michael Wyatt, Mayor