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WHEREAS: the City of Scottsbluff 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 Western Nebraska Regional Airport have an immense economic

impact on the City of Scottsbluff; 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-based 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 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;

THEREFORE, I, Randy Meininger, Mayor of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Scottsbluff and declare May as;

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the City of Scottsbluf

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

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