A PROCLAMATION Recognizing Aviation Month – March 2018 By Mayor Steve Dale Wahpeton, North Dakota

WHEREAS, aviation and the aerospace industry continue to play an increasingly important role as an economic catalyst in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's general aviation industry contributes over \$1.5 billion to the state's economy and is home to 89 public use airports, which account for approximately 926 jobs in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Wahpeton's Harry Stern Airport employees 36 people and contributes over \$4,397,025 in economic impact; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota boasts of world premiere aviation education, product development, and technological advancement; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to one of six designated Unmanned Aircraft System test sites in the nation where research is being conducted to help integrate this new industry into the national airspace systems; and

WHEREAS, aviation is an essential part of our quality of life in North Dakota providing air service critical to passenger travel, agricultural production, law enforcement, medical and emergency services.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Steve Dale, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Wahpeton, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Wahpeton community, do hereby proclaim March 2018 **AVIATION MONTH** in the City of Wahpeton and beyond.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set forth my hand And caused the Seal of the City of Wahpeton, North Dakota to

Be affixed this 5th Day of March, 2018

Steve Dale, Mayor City of Wahpeton

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Darcie Huwe, City Auditor