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PROCLAMATION AVIATION MONTH MARCH 2014

WHEREAS, aviation impacts every sector of our communities and state; and

WHEREAS, many North Dakota businesses use aviation as a tool for conducting daily operations, including the transportation of personnel and freight, air emergency service and medical evacuation, wildlife control, and law enforcement observation; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's aviation industry promotes the state's diverse economic opportunities by enabling development efforts, and creating opportunities for communities, businesses, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, beyond the movement of goods and services, the state's aviation industry supports thousands of jobs and contributes over \$1.6 billion annually to the state's economy' and

WHEREAS, airlines operating from North Dakota flew a record of 2.2 million passengers in 2013 and contributed over \$500 million to the state's economy through air tourism; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to world-class aviation education opportunities, product development, and technological advancement; and

WHEREAS, aviation is an essential part of our state's agriculture industry, with more than 2.6 million acres of crops sprayed in 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Williston, North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2014, **AVIATION MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

E. Ward Koeser

President of the City Commission

ATTEST:

John Kautzman
City Auditor