

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Williston 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 Sloulin Field International Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Williston; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to 89 public-use airports, which serve approximately 3,600 pilots and about 2,000 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to 53 fixed-base operators, 12 repair stations, 17 heliports, 1 FAA-approved pilot schools, 856 student pilots and 496 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports In North Dakota support more than \$121 million in total economic output; 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 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, Howard Klug, Mayor of the City of Williston, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Williston and declare March 2019 as

"GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH"

in the City of Williston.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Williston February 26, 2019

Howard Klug, Mayor