

Proclamation - General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, General aviation and Chan Gurney Airport play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Yankton has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, public airports, and airport operations; and,

WHEREAS, Yankton has full service airport serving small and large aircraft – both private and corporate -- and two aviation businesses – Crop Dusters LLC and Becker Flying Service, INC -- and two general aviation support groups – Yankton Regional Aviation Association and Yankton Experimental Aircraft Chapter 1029 – and serving 43 based aircraft and facilitation of more than 7,700 general operations annually; and,

WHEREAS, General aviation contributes to the Yankton economy and medical care, and boosts economic developments for Yankton and surrounding communities; and,

WHEREAS, from the 2010 State Aviation System Plan, general and commercial aviation at Chan Gurney Airport supports nearly \$4.6 million in business sales, including nearly \$1 million in personal income and more than 40 jobs; of which agricultural spraying supports nearly \$2,2 million in business sales, including over \$328,000 in personal income and more than 10 jobs; and,

WHEREAS, General aviation is integral to the City's response to emergencies and natural disasters, as well as a key component of business at Chan Gurney Airport; and,

WHEREAS, Yankton depends heavily on general aviation and Chan Gurney Airport for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our city and state;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jake Hoffner, Mayor of the City of Yankton, do hereby proclaim **June 2017** as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH



Mayor Jake Hoffner

June 12, 2017



Finance Officer Al Viereck

June 12, 2017