## Proclamation - General Aviation Appreciation Month

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and Chan Gurney Municipal 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 a full service airport serving small and large aircraft – both private and corporate -- and aviation businesses – Crop Dusters LLC, Becker Flying Service, Inc., Hoffner Flying, and Dakota Aerials -- and two general aviation support groups – Yankton Regional Aviation Association and Yankton Experimental Aircraft Chapter 1029 – and serving 37 single-engine and one twin-engine based aircraft and facilitates 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, according to the South Dakota State Aviation System Plan 2010-2030, general and commercial aviation at Chan Gurney Municipal 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 Municipal Airport; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nathan V Johnson, Mayor of the City of Yankton, do herby proclaim **June 2018** in the City of Yankton as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

Mayor Nathan V Johnson

May 29, 2018

Finance Officer Al Viereck

May 29, 2018