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Proclamation **March 2014 as General Aviation Month**

- WHEREAS, Aviation plays an increasing role as an economic catalyst in North Dakota, contributing \$1.6 billion annually to the state's economy; and
- WHEREAS, Grand Forks and the State of North Dakota have a significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, Aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and
- WHEREAS, North Dakota has 89 public-use airports, 2,998 pilots, and 1,336 general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS, North Dakota's aviation industry is an important component of the state's economic development efforts, creating opportunities for communities, businesses and citizens; and
- WHEREAS, North Dakota businesses use aviation as a tool for conducting daily operations, including the transportation of personnel and freight, air emergency service, aerial crop spraying, wildlife control and law enforcement observation; and
- WHEREAS, Airlines operating from North Dakota flew 1.6 million passengers on 64 daily flights in 2010; and
- WHEREAS, Aviation impacts many sectors of our economy and state; last year, air travel tourism contributed \$500 million to the state's economy, aerial applicators sprayed more than four million acres of crops, two million packages were delivered as a result of air delivery service and 500 air emergency ambulance flights were deployed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Brown, Mayor of Grand Forks, North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March, 2014, as GENERAL AVIATION MONTH in the City of Grand Forks and further request citizens to join in the efforts to recognize, appreciate and support general aviation activities in our area.

Michael R. Brown, Mayor