

General Aviation Proclamation

WHEREAS: general aviation and community airports play a vital role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and agriculture; and

WHEREAS: the City of Ainsworth in the state of Nebraska 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 local airports, including Ainsworth Regional Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of Ainsworth; and

WHEREAS: Nebraska is home to 90 public-use airports that serve 3,576 pilots, and handle more than 970,000 general aviation aircraft operations a year; and

WHEREAS: the state is home to 71 fixed-based operators, 12 repair stations, 305 heliports and 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, as well as 781 flight students and 478 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS: general aviation contributes an annual economic impact of \$721 million to Nebraska's economy, and general aviation visitor spending supports an estimated \$10.6 million in payroll; and

WHEREAS: general aviation not only bolsters Nebraska's economy, it improves our overall quality of life by supporting essential emergency medical transportation and health care services, law enforcement, fire-fighting, disaster relief, and transporting businesses 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 to ensure stable funding of this system;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Russ Moody of Ainsworth, Nebraska do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Ainsworth and declare May to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

Mayor
Russell D. Moody