

# Mayoral Proclamation

## Brookings, South Dakota

**WHEREAS**, General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

**WHEREAS**, The state of South Dakota has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports and airport operators; and

**WHEREAS**, General aviation is integral to the state's economy, medical care, transportation of goods to the state's Indian reservations, forest fire fighting, responses to emergencies and natural disasters as well as economic development for small communities; and

**WHEREAS**, General aviation accounted for \$303 million in total economic impact, or \$401 per capita; and

**WHEREAS**, South Dakota State University is a member of the University Aviation Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Organizations like the South Dakota Pilots Association, South Dakota Airport Managers Association, South Dakota Aviation Association, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in South Dakota and throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, The communities within South Dakota depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our State.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tim Reed, Mayor of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the State of South Dakota and declare June to be:

## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this Twenty-Fifth day of February, Two Thousand and Fourteen.



Tim Reed, Mayor