

Office of the Mayor

Watertown, South Dakota

Whereas, The City of Watertown in the state of South Dakota has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, public airports and airport operators; and

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Transportation has 70 public-use airports across the state, serving 2,247 pilots and over 1,260 general aviation aircraft; and

Whereas, General aviation contributes to the state's economy, medical care, transports goods to Native American reservations, supports forest fire fighting, and boosts economic development for small communities; and

Whereas, From the 2010 State Aviation System Plan, aviation supports nearly \$800 million in business sales, including over \$250 million in personal income and over 7,000 jobs; and

Whereas, General aviation is integral to the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, as well as a key component of business at South Dakota's commercial airports; and

Whereas, The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and direct Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and

Whereas, The communities within South Dakota depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourism and visitors to our state:

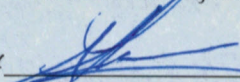
Now, Therefore, I, Steve Thorson, Mayor of the City of Watertown, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2015 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in Watertown, South Dakota.



In witness whereof I have here unto to set my hand and caused the seal of the city to be affixed.

Mayor 

Date 6-2-15