

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Hastings, 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 the Hasting Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Hastings; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is home to 81 public-use airports, which serve 3,498 pilots and about 2,013 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is home to 71 fixed-base operators, 12 repair stations, 305 heliports, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, 759 flight students and 494 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Nebraska contributes over \$1.2 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Nebraska's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, land management, agriculture, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

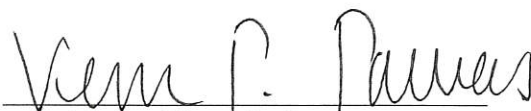
WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Vern Powers, Mayor of the City of Hastings, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Hastings and declare May as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this third day of May, the year of two thousand and sixteen.




Mayor Vern P. Powers