

A PROCLAMATION
Recognizing
Aviation Month – March 2017
By Mayor Meryl Hansey
Wahpeton, North Dakota

WHEREAS, aviation and the aerospace industry continue to play an increasingly important role as an economic catalyst in North Dakota, creating over 32,000 jobs and contributing \$3.6 billion annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's aviation industry acts as a catalyst of the state's diverse economic opportunities through enabling development efforts, creating opportunities for communities, businesses, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, airlines operating from North Dakota flew a record 2.4 million passengers in 2015 and contributed over \$575 million to the state's economy through commercial passenger visitor spending; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota boasts of world premiere aviation education, product development, and technological advancement; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to one of six designated Unmanned Aircraft System test sites in the nation where research is being conducted to help integrate this new industry into the national airspace systems; and

WHEREAS, aviation is also an essential part of our agricultural productivity as 105 aerial applicator businesses sprayed over 4 million acres of crops in 2015.

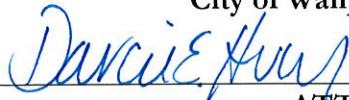
NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Meryl Hansey, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Wahpeton, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Wahpeton community, do hereby proclaim March 2017 **AVIATION MONTH** in the City of Wahpeton and beyond.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set forth my hand
And caused the Seal of the City of Wahpeton, North Dakota to
Be affixed this 6th Day of March, 2017



Meryl Hansey, Mayor
City of Wahpeton



ATTEST:
Darcie Huwe, City Auditor