



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
AVIATION MONTH
MARCH 2016

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

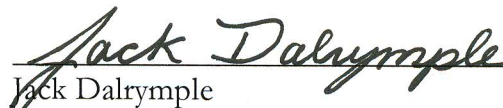
WHEREAS, airlines operating from North Dakota flew a record 2.4 million passengers in 2015 and contributed over \$575 million to the state's economy through commercial passenger visitor spending; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota boasts of world premier 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 system; 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, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2016, **AVIATION MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.



Jack Dalrymple
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State