

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

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, according to the South Dakota State Aviation System Plan 2010-2030, the aviation industry supports over \$791 million in state business sales; and

Whereas, according to the South Dakota Office of Aeronautics, South Dakota is home to 71 public-use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve 2333 pilots and 2030 active general aviation aircraft across the state; and

Whereas, according to the South Dakota State Aviation System Plan, the aviation industry in South Dakota supports over 7,000 jobs with an annual income of \$250 million. Agricultural aviation supports more than \$10 million of income in the state, according to the same study; and

Whereas, according to FAA data, South Dakota is home to 15 repair stations, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, 526 student pilots and 435 flight instructors. In addition, there are 42 fixed-base operators in the state, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 38 heliports in South Dakota; and

Whereas, many communities in South Dakota depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state; and

Whereas, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit;

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2018, as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in South Dakota and encourage all citizens to join us in its observance.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State