

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

AVIATION MONTH MARCH 2026

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota recognizes the critical importance of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, public airports and airport operations to the state's continued growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the aviation and aerospace industries serve as powerful economic catalysts in North Dakota, creating over 32,000 jobs and contributing an estimated \$3.6 billion annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to 89 public-use airports that provide vital connectivity and services to approximately 4,000 manned pilots, 2,000 remote pilots and over 2,100 based aircraft; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, a record-breaking 2.6 million passengers utilized commercial air transportation within North Dakota, generating an estimated \$600 million in economic impact through commercial passenger visitor spending; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is proud to host one of the nation's leading Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) test sites, advancing cutting-edge research and integrating this emerging industry with VANTIS, a first-of-its-kind network enabling safe and efficient beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) operations; and

WHEREAS, aviation plays a vital role in supporting the state's agricultural productivity, with aerial applicators servicing a record 4.7 million acres of cropland in 2025, ensuring continued agricultural success and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is a leader in world-class aviation education opportunities, product development and technological advancement.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
March 2026, AVIATION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE