PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the City of Scottsbluff 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 local airports have an immense economic impact on the city of Scottsbluff; and

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

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

WHEREAS, general aviation in Nebraska has an economic output of \$1.2 billion annually and supports 7,900 jobs; 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, 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;

THEREFORE, I, Randy Meininger, Mayor of Scottsbluff, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the city of Scottsbluff and declare May 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.



Mayor Randy Meininger