



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT CELEBRATION MONTHS
MAY THROUGH DECEMBER 2003

WHEREAS, on December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers achieved the first powered flight of a "heavier-than-air" aircraft, and thus opened the door to some of the greatest accomplishments and events ever witnessed by human-kind in the past century; and

WHEREAS, in 1928, Hatton, North Dakota native Carl Ben Eielson was the first to fly over the "Roof of the World" by departing Point Barrow, Alaska, and landing in Spitzbergen, Norway. This was the first flight from North America over the North Pole to Europe; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has many museums that are devoted to the conservation, study and exhibition of many historic aviation achievements and artifacts. These museums include, the Fargo Air Museum, the Dakota Territory Air Museum, the Hatton-Carl Ben Eielson Museum and others; and

WHEREAS, the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences at the University of North Dakota is a world renowned center for aerospace learning, national acclaimed for their achievements in collegiate aviation education, atmospheric research, space studies and computer science applications; and

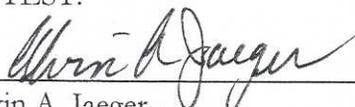
WHEREAS, aviation is a vitally important economic engine and the future of aviation is dependent upon a well informed and educated populace, and this celebration of powered flight is also a celebration of the ingenuity and creativity of Americans, as well as America's contributions to air and space flight; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May through December 2003, **CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT CELEBRATION MONTHS** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State