Proclamation

National Travel & Tourism Week 2024

WHEREAS the travel industry fuels every industry and will continue to be an essential part of Wyoming's economy, development and workforce and travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with an economic output of \$2.6 trillion in 2022, supporting 14.5 million American jobs; and

WHEREAS travel spending supports vibrant and safe communities in Wyoming and across the United States by generating \$84 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2022 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more and travel enables success for all industries—including manufacturing, agriculture, defense, healthcare and more—by driving sales growth, innovation, education and operations that move our economy, our nation and Wyoming forward; and

WHEREAS the travel industry cannot recover without the full return of leisure, business and international inbound travelers; increasing travel to and within the United States drives America forward to a more prosperous future and the travel industry's success will grow Wyoming's economy and workforce, since, prior to the pandemic, small businesses accounted for 60% of leisure and hospitality employment.

WHEREAS travel is an essential industry, and we must continue to communicate that growing travel leads to economic growth, benefits businesses and fosters mutual understanding.

Now Therefore, I, Nicholas Trandahl, Mayor of the Town of Upton do hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2024 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Upton, Wyoming and urge the citizens of Upton, Weston County and the state of Wyoming to join me in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in Upton, Weston County and Wyoming.

Dated this 16th day of May 2024.

Nicholas Trandahl, Mayor

Attest:

Kelley Millar, Clerk/Treasurer