

CITY OF ELY, MINNESOTA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Ely in the state of Minnesota 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 Ely Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Ely; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 135 public-use airports, which serve 12,478 pilots and 5,679 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 109 fixed-base operators, 51 repair stations, 83 heliports, 12 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,933 flight students and 2,500 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Minnesota contributes over \$5.3 billion to the state's total economic output; and

WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Minnesota'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;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Chuck Novak, Mayor of the City of Ely, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Ely and declare October 2016 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH



Chuck Novak, Mayor



Adopted: 10/18/16