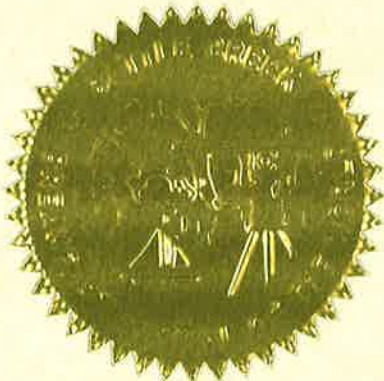


Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the City of Battle Creek in the state of Michigan 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 the W.K. Kellogg Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Battle Creek; and
- WHEREAS, Michigan is home to 211 general aviation airports, which serve 13,774 pilots and 5,366 active general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS, Michigan is home to 116 fixed-base operators, 89 repair stations, 105 heliports, 9 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,466 flight students and 2,679 flight instructors;
- WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Michigan contributes over \$5.2 billion in total economic output;
- WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Michigan'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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Battle Creek and declare *the Month of September* as

“GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH”



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 31st day of August, 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Mark Behnke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mark A. Behnke, Mayor