

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Fairmont 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, Minnesota is home to 135 public-use airports, which serve 12,890 pilots and 5,679 registered and airworthy aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 109 fixed-based operators, 50 repair stations, 83 heliports, 12 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,805 student pilots and 2,714 flight instructors; and,

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Fairmont Municipal Airport has an immense economic impact on the City of Fairmont; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fairmont is home to 28 planes based at the airport, half of these planes are used for business; and,

WHEREAS, the Fairmont Airport sells approximately 65,000 gallons of fuel annually; and,

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

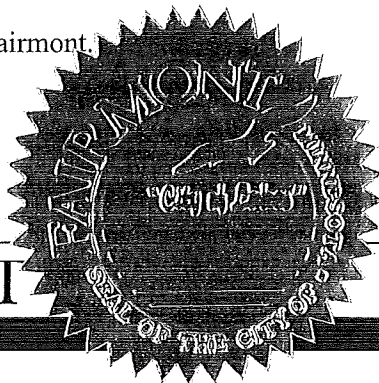
WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Minnesota's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and,

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, Deborah J. Foster, Mayor of the City of Fairmont, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Fairmont and declare December 2019 to be:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Fairmont.



Deborah J. Foster
Deborah J. Foster, Mayor