

# *PROCLAMATION*

## **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids 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 the Grand Rapids – Itasca County Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Grand Rapids; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 135 public system airports, which serve 12,483 pilots and 5,679 registered and airworthy aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 111 fixed-base operators, 50 repair stations, 83 heliports, 13 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,466 flight students and 2,679 flight instructors; and

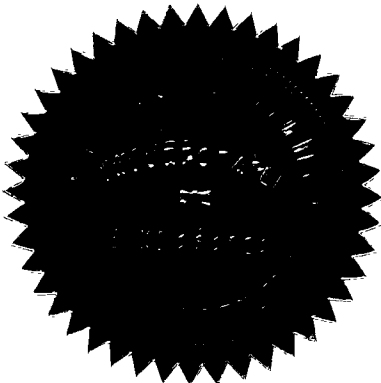
WHEREAS, general aviation in Minnesota contributes over \$5.3 billion to the State's total economic output; and


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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that I, Dale Adams, Mayor of The City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Grand Rapids and declare November 2018 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name and the seal of the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, Two thousand and eighteen.



  
Dale Adams, Mayor  
City of Grand Rapids