

# *PROCLAMATION*

From the Office of the Mayor of Litchfield, MN

## *GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH 2017*

*WHEREAS*, the City of Litchfield 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 Litchfield Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Litchfield and

*WHEREAS*, Minnesota is home to 135 public-use airports, which serve 11,972 pilots and 5,679 active general aviation aircraft; and

*WHEREAS*, Minnesota is home to 111 fixed-base operators, 52 repair stations, 83 heliports, 13 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,033 flight students and 2,627 flight instructors; and

*WHEREAS*, general aviation in Minnesota contributes over \$5.3 billion; 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*, I, Keith Johnson, Mayor of Litchfield, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Litchfield and declare November as *GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH* in the City of Litchfield

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,*

I have here unto set my hand  
and caused to be affixed  
the Great Seal of the City of Litchfield

THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017



Keith Johnson, Mayor  
City of Litchfield, Minnesota

