

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the city of Mankato 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 local airports, including Mankato Regional Airport, have tremendous economic impact on the city of Mankato; including more than \$11.5 million in local economic impact and more than 160 jobs in the past year; and

WHEREAS, the \$11.5 million in local economic impact includes airport ownership, fixed-base operators and other aviation businesses, retail business, overnight use by pilots and other visitors, business use and non-profit or government entities; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 135 public-use airports, which serve 11,972 pilots and 5,679 active general aviation aircraft, 111 fixed-based 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 to the state's economy annually; and it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, public safety, 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, Eric Anderson, Mayor of Mankato, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the city of Mankato and declare December 2017 as "**General Aviation Appreciation Month**," in the city of Mankato, Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the City of Mankato to be affixed this 27th day of November 2017.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric T. Anderson".

Eric T. Anderson, Mayor