

# 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 has an immense economic impact on the City of Grand Rapids; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 153 public-use airports, which serve 12,478 pilots and 4,365 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 109 fixed-based operators, 51 repairs stations, 52 heliports, 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,933 flight students and 2,500 flight instructors; and

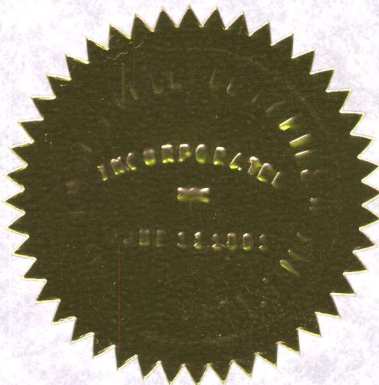
WHEREAS: general aviation in Minnesota contributes over \$5.3 billion to the state's economy annually; and

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 designations 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, 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 October 2015 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, Two thousand and fifteen.



*Dale Adams*

Dale Adams, Mayor  
City of Grand Rapids