

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: the City of Alexandria 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 Alexandria Municipal Airport has an immense economic impact on the City of Alexandria; 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, 522 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 destinations quickly and safely; and

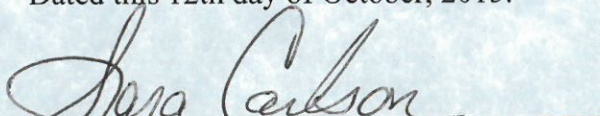
WHEREAS: the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system.

Therefore, the Mayor and Alexandria City Council do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Alexandria and declare October 2015 to be

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Alexandria, Minnesota.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2015.


Sara Carlson, Mayor

