



## PROCLAMATION

### GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH NOVEMBER 2015

WHEREAS, the City of Hutchinson 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 Hutchinson Municipal Airport (Butler Field) has an immense economic impact on the city of Hutchinson; 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 repair 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Forcier, Mayor of Hutchinson, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Hutchinson and declare November 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

Gary T. Forcier, Mayor  
Hutchinson, MN