



## PROCLAMATION DECLARING GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albert Lea 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 Albert Lea Municipal Airport has an immense economic impact on the city of Albert Lea; 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, Vern Rasmussen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Albert Lea, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Albert Lea and declare October 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.



VERN RASMUSSEN, JR.  
MAYOR