

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the City of Battle Creek in the state of Michigan 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 W.K. Kellogg Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Battle Creek; and
- WHEREAS, Michigan is home to 215 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 14,112 pilots and 5,663 active general aviation aircraft; and
- WHEREAS, Michigan is home to 121 fixed-base operators, 97 repair stations, 489 heliports, 7 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,480 flight students and 2,445 flight instructors;
- WHEREAS, general aviation in Michigan contributes over \$4 billion to the state's total economic output;
- WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Michigan's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law enforcement, firefighting and 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, David A. Walters, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Battle Creek and declare *the Month of September* as

“GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH”



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 19th day of September 2016.

David A. Walters, Mayor