

PROCLAMATION
General Aviation Appreciation Month 2017

WHEREAS, the City of Benson 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 Benson Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Benson and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 135 public-use airports, which serve 11,972 pilots and 5,679 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 111 fixed-base operators, 52 repair stations, 83 heliports, 13 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,033 flight students and 2,627 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Minnesota contributes over \$5.3 billion; 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 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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary Landmark, Mayor of the City of Benson, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Benson and declare November as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Benson.

