

# *PROCLAMATION DECLARING GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH*

WHEREAS, the City of Big Rapids 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 Roben-Hood Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Big Rapids; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to 211 general aviation airports, which serve 14,258 pilots and 7,200 registered aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to 115 fixed-base operators, 89 repair stations, 188 heliports, 8 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,545 flight students and 2,606 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Michigan contributes over \$5.2 billion in total economic output; and

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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas Hogenson, Mayor of the City of Big Rapids, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Big Rapids and declare September as

## *General Aviation Appreciation Month*

And urge all citizens of Big Rapids to recognize the vital strategic resource and economic boon that General Aviation provides to Big Rapids and to our community.

  
Mayor Thomas Hogenson

Proclaimed this 18th day of September 2019