MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

City of Cloquet

WHEREAS, The City of Cloquet 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 Cloquet/Carlton County Airport has an immense economic impact on the City of Cloquet; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 135 public-use airports, serving 12,478 pilots and 5,679 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 109 fixed-based operators, 51 repair stations, 522 heliports, 12 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 that 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Hallback, Mayor of the City of Cloquet, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Cloquet and declare **October 2016** to be observed as:

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

Dave Hallback, Mayor City of Cloquet

