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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Fairmont 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 Fairmont Municipal Airport has an immense economic impact on the City of Fairmont; 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, Randy Quiring, Mayor of Fairmont, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Fairmont and declare October 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

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Randy J. Quiring, Mayor

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