



WHEREAS, the City of Faribault 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 Faribault Municipal Airport-Liz Wall Strohfus Field have an immense economic impact on the City of Faribault; and

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 111 fixed-based 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

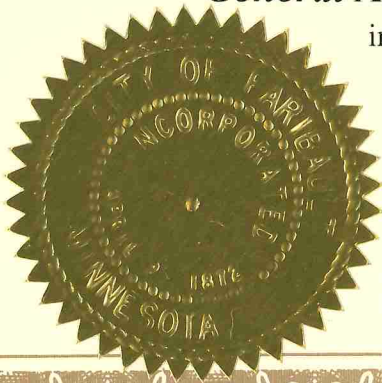
WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Minnesota's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law-enforcement, firefighting and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

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 systems and serves communities of all sizes;

THEREFORE, I, Kevin F. Voracek, Mayor of the City of Faribault, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Faribault and declare November as

***General Aviation Appreciation Month***

in the City of Faribault



*In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and cause the seal to be affixed*

Mayor

Date

November 14, 2017