

# *City of Gary Proclamation*

## **“General Aviation Appreciation Month” October 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gary, Indiana has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

**WHEREAS**, Indiana is home to 117 public-use airports, which serve 9,878 pilots and 5,003 active general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, Indiana is home to 74 fixed-base operators, 54 repair stations, 118 public- and private-use heliports, 12 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,435 flight students and 1,728 flight instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation airports in Indiana contribute over \$5.8 billion to the state’s total annual economic impact; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Indiana’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 within this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes.

**NOW THEREFORE**. I, Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor of the City of Gary, Indiana, do hereby proclaim general aviation as a vital strategic resource to the City of Gary and declare October to be

**General Aviation Appreciation Month.**

**In the City of Gary, Indiana**

Signed



Karen Freeman-Wilson  
Mayor, City of Gary

