Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Little Falls 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 local airports, including the Little Falls/Morrison County Airport, have an immense economic impact on the City of Little Falls; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is the home to 109 fixed-based operators; 51 repair stations, 522 heliports, 11 Federal Aviation Administration 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, Gregory J. Zylka, Mayor of Little Falls, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Little Falls and declare November 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

Signed this 16th day of November, 2015.

Mayor, Little Falls, Minnesota

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