

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, the City of Oshkosh in the state of Wisconsin 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 Wittman Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Oshkosh; and*

***WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is home to 119 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 9,186 pilots and 5,316 active general aviation aircraft; and*

***WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is home to 86 fixed-base operators, 51 repair stations, 106 heliports, 4 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,035 flight students and 1,650 flight instructors; and*

***WHEREAS**, general aviation in Wisconsin contributes over \$694 million to the state's annual economic impact; and*

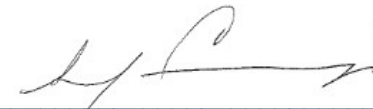
***WHEREAS**, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" will take place in Oshkosh on July 23-29, 2018, as people from across the world converge to take part in the Experimental Aircraft Association's "AirVenture Oshkosh;" and*

***WHEREAS**, general aviation not only supports Wisconsin'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 system and serves communities of all sizes;*

***NOW THEREFORE**, I, Steve Cummings, Mayor of the City of Oshkosh, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Oshkosh and declare July as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Oshkosh.*

DATED: July 12, 2018



Steve Cummings, Mayor