

## PROCLAMATION

## General Aviation Appreciation Month 2019

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 many fixed-base operators, repair stations, heliports, FAA-approved pilot schools, flight students and over 1,000 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Wisconsin contributes over \$6.9 million to the state's annual economic impact; and

WHEREAS, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" will take place in Oshkosh on July 22-28, 2019, 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, Lori Palmeri, 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 1, 2019

Lori Palmeri, Mayor

City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin