

Proclamation

City of Owatonna

WHEREAS The City of Owatonna 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 Owatonna Degner Regional Airport has an immense economic impact on the City of Owatonna; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 135 public-use airports, which serve 11,972 pilots and 5,679 active general aviation aircraft; 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 to the state's economy annually; and

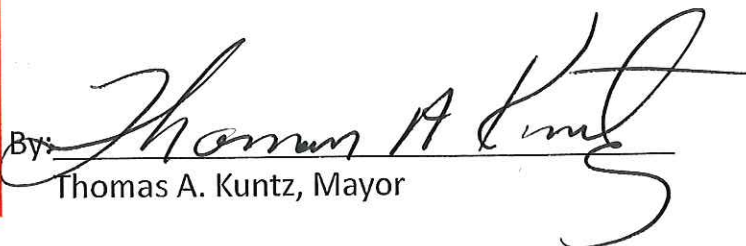
WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Minnesota's economy, it improves overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, law-enforcement, firefighting, disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

THEREFORE, I, Thomas Kuntz, Mayor of Owatonna, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Owatonna and declare November 2017 to be

General Aviation Appreciation Month

Dated this 21st day of November, 2017.

By: 
Thomas A. Kuntz, Mayor

