

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 have an immense economic impact on the City of Owatonna; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 135 public system airports, which serve 12,800 pilots and 5,679 registered and airworthy aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 109 fixed-base operators, 50 repair stations, 83 heliports, 12 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,466 flight students and 2,679 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Minnesota contributes over \$5.3 billion to the state's total economic output; 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 and disaster relief, and by transporting business travelers to their destinations quickly and safely; and

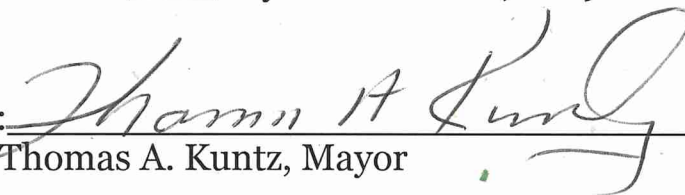
WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

THEREFORE, I, Thomas Kuntz, Mayor of Owatonna, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Owatonna and declare the month of November 2019 to be

General Aviation Appreciation Month

in the City of Owatonna.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2019.

By: 
Thomas A. Kuntz, Mayor

