

P roclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: the City of Racine 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 Batten International Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Racine; and

Whereas: Wisconsin is home to 119 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 9,584 pilots and 5,955 registered aircraft; and

Whereas: Wisconsin is home to 86 fixed-base operators, 52 repair stations, 157 heliports, 4 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,362 student pilots and 1,650 flight instructors; and

Whereas: general aviation airports in Wisconsin contribute more than \$694 million in output to the state's annual economic impact; 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, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby **proclaim** general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Racine and declare July as

General Aviation Appreciation Month in the City of Racine

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.



Accomplished at the City Hall

this 24th day of July 2019.

Cory Mason
Mayor