



## General Aviation Appreciation Month 2017 A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Red Wing 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 Red Wing Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Red Wing; 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-base 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; 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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Sean Dowse, Mayor of the City of Red Wing, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Red Wing and declare November as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Red Wing.

Sean Dowse, Honorable Mayor  
City of Red Wing, Minnesota