



## GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Thief River Falls 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 Thief River Falls Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Thief River Falls; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 135 public system airports, which serve 12,890 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, 2,805 student pilots and 2,714 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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brian Holmer, Mayor of the City of Thief River Falls, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Thief River Falls and declare November as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

Brian D. Holmer, Mayor