



**City of Winona
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Winona 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 Winona Municipal Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Winona; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 135 public system airports, which serve 12,483 pilots and 5,679 registered and airworthy aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 111 fixed-base operators, 50 repair stations, 83 heliports, 13 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

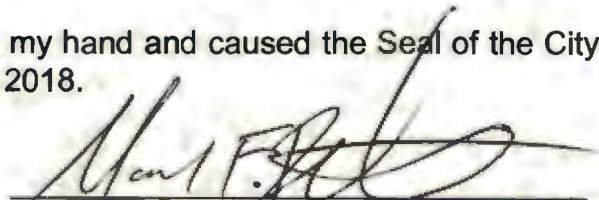
WHEREAS, the nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Peterson, Mayor of the City of Winona, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Winona and declare November 2018, as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

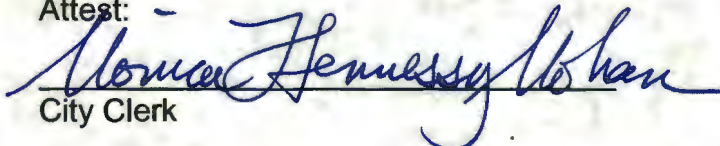
in the City of Winona, Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Winona to be affixed this 5th day of November, 2018.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

