

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the city of Mankato 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 local airports, including Mankato Regional Airport, have an immense economic impact on the city of Mankato; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 153 public-use airports, which serve 12,478 pilots and 4,365 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 109 fixed-based operators, 51 repair stations, 522 heliports, 11 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,933 flight students and 2,500 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation in Minnesota contributes over \$2.9 billion to the state's economy annually; 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, 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 stable funding of this system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric Anderson, Mayor of Mankato, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the city of Mankato and declare February 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the City of Mankato to be affixed this 12th day of February 2015.




Eric T. Anderson, Mayor