

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Cook in the State of Minnesota has significant interest in continued vitality of general aviation, aircraft manufacturing, aviation educational institutions, aviation organizations and community airports; and

WHEREAS, general aviation and the Cook Municipal Airport has an immense economic impact on the City of Cook; 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 \$5.3 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.

THEREFORE, I, Harold Johnston, Mayor of Cook, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Cook and declare October 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

## **OCTOBER 2015 – GENERAL AVIATION APPREICATION MONTH**

in the City of Cook, Minnesota.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.



Harold Johnston, Mayor  
City of Cook