

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the City of Oshkosh in the State of Wisconsin 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 Wittman Regional Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Oshkosh; and*

*WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 119 public-use airports, which serve 9,278 pilots and 4,485 active general aviation aircraft; and*

*WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 85 fixed-base operators, 48 repair stations, 574 heliports, 7 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,587 flight students and 1,577 flight instructors; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Wisconsin contributes over \$694 million to the state's annual economic impact; and*

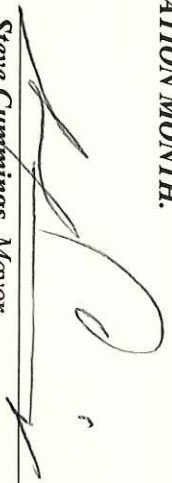
*WHEREAS; "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" will take place in Oshkosh on July 25-31, 2016, as people from across the world converge to take part in the Experimental Aircraft Association's "AirVenture Oshkosh;"*

*WHEREAS, general aviation not only supports Wisconsin'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 to ensure stable funding of this system;*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Cummings, Mayor of the City of Oshkosh, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Oshkosh and declare July as **GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.***

*DATED: July 5, 2016*

  
*Steve Cummings, Mayor*  
*City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin*