

PROCLAMATION

General Aviation Appreciation Month 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Wausau 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 Wausau Downtown Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Wausau; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 119 public-use general aviation airports, which serve 9,584 pilots and 5,955 active general aviation aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 86 fixed-base operators, 52 repair stations, 157 heliports, 4 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,362 student pilots and 1,650 flight instructors; and

WHEREAS, general aviation airports in Wisconsin contribute more than \$694 million in output to the state annually; and

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 of this system to ensure that it remains a public system and serves communities of all sizes;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert B. Mielke, Mayor of the City of Wausau, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Wausau and declare

July

as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Wausau.



Robert B. Mielke
Mayor, City of Wausau
July 9, 2019