

**CITY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS
STATE OF MINNESOTA
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

General Aviation Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, the City of International Falls 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 have an immense economic impact on the City of International Falls; 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

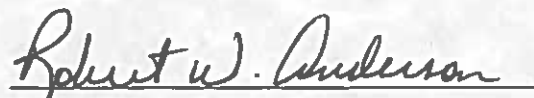
WHEREAS, general aviation in Minnesota contributes over \$5.3 billion to the state's economy annually; and

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert W. Anderson, Mayor of the City of International Falls, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of International Falls and declare August 2015 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 17th day of August, 2015.


Robert W. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:


Kenneth R. Anderson, City Administrator