

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN



Whereas: the City of Racine 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 John Batten Airport have an immense economic impact on the City of Racine; 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 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: 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 Wisconsin on July 24-30, 2017, as people from across the world converge to take part in the Experimental Aircraft Association's "AirVenture Oshkosh;" and

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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, John Dickert, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource to the City of Racine and declare **February 2017 as**

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed

Accomplished at the City Hall

this 1st day of February 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dickert", written in a cursive style.

Mayor