

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1991, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as “National Recognition Day for Nurses”, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, and

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation’s largest health care profession, and are an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized, ambulatory, and home patients, and

**WHEREAS**, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, and

**WHEREAS**, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses in this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing access to primary and preventive health care, and

**WHEREAS**, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all our nation’s registered nursing resources, and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services, and

**WHEREAS**, more qualified registered nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future, and

**WHEREAS**, along with the American Nurses Association, the Missouri Nurses Association has declared May as Nurses Month, with the theme “You Make a Difference,” a nod to nurses’ sheer numbers, their unparalleled impact during the pandemic and health care, and an open invitation to #ThankaNurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William A. Baird, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

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and encourage the Lee’s Summit community to celebrate registered nurses’ accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show appreciation for the nation’s registered nurses not just during this month, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, this 2nd day of May 2023.

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***MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD***