

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, the City of Lee's Summit is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community, and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee's Summit Fire Department first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, home fires killed more than 2,800 in 2021, and fire departments responded to 338,000 home fires where cooking is the leading cause. Having a planned and practiced home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**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 October 8-14, 2023 as

## ***FIRE PREVENTION WEEK***

and urge all the people of Lee's Summit to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2023, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Lee's Summit's fire and emergency services.

**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    day of October 2023.

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**MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD**