

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs, facilities, parks and trails are an integral part of the Lee's Summit community, and are vitally important to establishing and maintaining quality of life, ensuring the health of our citizens, and contributing to economic development and environmental well-being; and,

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities, help reduce costs related to medical care, provide therapeutic recreation services for the mentally and physically disabled, and improve mental and emotional health of residents of Lee's Summit; and,

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation programs increase the economic prosperity of Lee's Summit through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism and the attraction and retention of businesses to the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation facilities and amenities are fundamental to the environmental well-being of the community by improving water and air quality, reducing flooding, providing wildlife habitats and implementing stewardship best practices; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation serves over 1,000,000 visitors annually through four community centers, an outdoor water park, an outdoor ice rink, two splash pads, 33 parks totaling more than 1,180 acres and 72 miles of trails, as well as providing hundreds of programs and special events that serve "Every Age, Every Season"; and,

**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 July 2019 as

## ***PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH***

in recognition of the importance of parks and recreation within Lee's Summit as well as the efforts of the Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation Board, staff and volunteers and the contributions they make to the well-being of the community.

**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 16th day of July 2019.

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***MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD***