

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the IEDC provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and,

**WHEREAS**, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base, as well as, stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and,

**WHEREAS**, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their cities, their regions, and their states.

**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 9 – 15, 2021 as

## ***NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK***

and remind individuals of the importance of this community celebration which supports expanding career opportunities and improving quality of life.

**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 11th day of May 2021.

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**MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD**