

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the United States Flag is a symbol of freedom throughout the world; an icon of strength and unity, wherever it is flown; and,

WHEREAS, the colors of the United States flag represent (red) hardiness, valor; (white) purity, innocence, (blue) vigilance, perseverance and justice; and,

WHEREAS, generations of Americans in uniform from the Continental Army to our troops today, have carried the Stars and Stripes into battle so our citizens and others can live in freedom; and,

WHEREAS, in 1814, inspired by the lone sighting of a battered American Flag still flying after a tenacious and fierce battle at Baltimore's Fort McHenry, Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" which later become our nation's national anthem in 1931; and,

WHEREAS, to honor the significance of the American Flag and pay homage to the patriotic spirit and unity of our country, in 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

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 the week of June 11, 2018, as

NATIONAL FLAG WEEK

and urge our community to join with the Prairie Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, in observing National Flag Week and Flag Day by displaying a flag to honor America and recall the rich history of Old Glory.

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 , 2018.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD