

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, public procurement was first established by the Continental Congress in 1778 to provide support to the Continental Army, improvements soon came in the Purveyor of Public Supplies Act of 1795 and the Procurement Act of 1809; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is important to make government more efficient, effective, responsible, transparent, and accountable; and,

**WHEREAS**, procurement professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar, and continue to expand their knowledge, skills, and abilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, through their combined purchasing power, procurement professionals spend billions of dollars annually, and have a significant influence upon national economic conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Procurement and Contract Services Division of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, members of NIGP the National Institute for Public Procurement, as well as other professional procurement associations around the globe engage in special events to inform the general public on the important role the procurement profession plays in business, industry and government.

**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 month of March 2020 as

## ***PROCUREMENT MONTH***

in recognition of the many contributions made by public procurement professionals and their role in promoting an effective and efficient government.

**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 3rd day of March 2020.

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***MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD***