PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Missouri's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of Lee's Summit and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling and walking through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride or walk; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's roads and trail systems attract bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly and walk-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, support communities for all ages, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, promoting greater public awareness of cycling and walking and safety education may help reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking has not only been shown to be an effective form of physically-distant active transportation, but also as a means of improving mental health; and

WHEREAS, groups throughout Missouri are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and walking safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

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 May 2023 as

BIKE AND WALK MONTH

to encourage our citizens to reap the benefits of bicycling and walking and remind everyone to follow proper bicycle, pedestrian, and motorist rules to ensure the safety and comfort of all our users.

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 2nd day of May, 2023.

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MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD