

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Lee's Summit Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city and is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms can alert you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely. They also cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and are more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "**Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™**," effectively serves to remind Lee's Summit it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

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 October 9 - 15, 2022 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

and urge all the people of Lee's Summit to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Lee's Summit's fire and emergency services.

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 October 2022.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD