

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1776, the original thirteen American colonies declared their independence from Great Britain when the founding fathers in brave solidarity signed the Declaration of Independence forming a new nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, to further structure the government and to guide the leadership of this young nation, on September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States of America was written creating the three branches of government, defining the powers for each branch and setting forth a system of checks and balances of power; and,

**WHEREAS**, since then the United States Constitution remains the supreme law of the land and judicial guardian of our liberties, embodying the principles of limited government, dedicated to rule by law; and,

**WHEREAS**, today the United States Constitution prevails as the world's longest surviving written charter of government and continues to affirm the profound adage "a government of the people, for the people, and by the people".

**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 September 17 through 23, 2019 as

## ***CONSTITUTION WEEK***

to remind our citizens to reaffirm the principles of the United States Constitution, to vigilantly protect their freedoms guaranteed through this magnificent document and remember the wise tenet of our founding fathers that lost rights may never be regained.

**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 17th day of September 2019.

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**MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD**