

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses who, despite a world-wide pandemic, continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and,

WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge to the small manufacturers driving our competitiveness on the global stage, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and,

WHEREAS, when we support small business, jobs are created, and local communities preserve their unique culture; and,

WHEREAS, because this country's 32.5 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy, we cannot resolve ourselves to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

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 May 1 through May 7, 2022 as

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

and encourage the Lee's Summit community to support the accomplishments and efforts of small businesses not just during this month, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

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 26th day of April 2022.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD