

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes, and other health problems among children and adults; and,

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and,

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and,

WHEREAS, walking allows the elderly and disabled to maintain their independence and promotes informal interactions between people thereby strengthening and enriching our neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, millions of Missourians experience the joys of biking and walking through educational programs, races, commuting activities, charity events and just getting out and going for a ride or walk; 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, all citizens have the right to safe streets, sidewalks and paths in their neighborhoods, business centers, schools, parks, and entertainment destinations.

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 2019 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 day of May 2019.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD