

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, research shows that neighborhoods are a vital factor in creating safe, healthy, and inclusive communities, neighborhood-by-neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Americans do not know the name of their neighbors and believe a good neighbor, is someone who is quiet and leaves them alone; and,

WHEREAS, one recent study showed that people who know six or more of their neighbors have decreased levels of social isolation and loneliness compared to people who do not; and,

WHEREAS, developing positive neighbor relationships positively impacts mental health, life expectancy, and physical health for individuals and fosters improved disaster response, civic engagement, crime prevention, and economic resilience for entire communities; and,

WHEREAS, good neighbors help to create good neighborhoods and vibrant communities; and,

WHEREAS, developing positive relationships requires stepping out of your home and connecting with neighbors who can help build a social support system in your neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, neighboring is an opportunity to be thankful for those living nearest us, a chance to be a blessing or generous, and an opportunity also to receive.

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 September 28 to October 4, 2024 as

MISSOURI GOOD NEIGHBOR WEEK

and encourage the citizens of Lee's Summit to join me and our Human Relations and Wellness Commissions in observing this day by introducing yourself to, getting to know, and celebrating your neighbors.

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 24th day of September 2024.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD