

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, National Family Literacy Day, established by the 103rd Congress in 1994, and now marking 31st Anniversary on November 1, 2025, highlights the importance of reading and learning for the entire family and emphasizes the impact that parents have on their child's learning; and,

WHEREAS, this day is celebrated across America each year, and focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs that empower families and build a nation of readers; and,

WHEREAS, literacy programs across the United States will observe National Family Literacy Day by holding read-a-thons, book drives, workshops, and family activities at schools, libraries, and community centers to encourage literacy; and,

WHEREAS, as many as one in six adults struggle with reading and writing; and by learning to read, individuals can gain self-respect and confidence and strive toward goals that otherwise would not be achievable; and,

WHEREAS, the national Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children and adults; and,

WHEREAS, education being one of the cornerstones of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Prairie Chapter is committed to increasing literacy by promoting and supporting literacy programs.

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 November 1, 2025, as

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY

to underscore the importance of literacy and promote reading together as a family, and to extend appreciation to local librarians, educators and literacy service providers who help strengthen the literacy of children in the Lee's Summit community.

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 21st day of October 2025.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD