

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Earth Day and Arbor Day are occasions to celebrate the beauty, diversity, and importance of our natural environment; and,

WHEREAS, Earth Day serves as a reminder of our collective responsibility to protect and preserve the Earth's ecosystems, biodiversity, and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the health of our environment directly impacts the health and well-being of current and future generations, as well as the diverse ecosystems that support life on Earth; and,

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a time to recognize the significant role that trees play in enhancing air quality, mitigating climate change, and providing habitat for wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, trees contribute to the health and well-being of communities by providing clean air, shade, and beauty, while reducing energy costs, and improving water quality; and,

WHEREAS, Earth Day and Arbor Day provide opportunities for individuals, communities, and organizations to engage in environmental education, conservation, and stewardship activities.

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

April 22, 2026 as

April 24, 2026 as

EARTH DAY and **ARBOR DAY**

and encourage all citizens to participate in events and initiatives that promote environmental awareness, conservation, and tree planting.

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 14th day of April 2026.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD