

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the travel industry is essential to the success of every industry and will continue to be a critical part of Lee's Summit's economy, development and workforce; and,

WHEREAS, travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with an economic output of \$2.9 trillion, supporting 15 million American jobs; and,

WHEREAS, travel spending supports vibrant and safe communities across the United States by generating \$89 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2024 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more; and,

WHEREAS, travel enables success for all industries—including manufacturing, agriculture, defense, healthcare and more—by driving sales growth, innovation, education, and operations that power our economy, our nation, and in Lee's Summit; and,

WHEREAS, America's travel industry cannot be globally competitive without maximizing growth in leisure, business, and international inbound travelers; increasing travel to and within the United States drives our economy to a more prosperous future and connects America; and,

WHEREAS, one in every 11 U.S. jobs depend on travel, making it a critical driver of America's economy and a force for connection and opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, travel is an essential industry, and we must continue to communicate that growing travel leads to economic growth, benefits businesses, fosters mutual understanding, and connects the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Beto Lopez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3 – 9, 2026 as

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

and urge Lee's Summit citizens to join me in recognizing the essential role this industry plays in Missouri and Lee's Summit.

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 5th day of May 2026.

MAYOR J. BETO LOPEZ