

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, for 80 years it has been the policy of this nation, under the US Housing Act to promote the general welfare of the nation by employing its funds and credit to assist the several states and their political subdivisions to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families of lower income; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the “State of the Nation’s Housing” 2017 report, more than 11 million households now pay at least half of their income for housing; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to statistics, health care workers and healthcare support occupations often do not earn enough to afford to rent or own a home; one in four older veteran renters spend half or more of their income in rent and more than 4 million people above the age of 65 live in poverty; and,

**WHEREAS**, on any given night, there are nearly 550,000 Americans who are homeless and over 120,000 children in the US are currently homeless; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, established in 1967, has for over 50 years endeavored to address affordable housing and community development needs by using a combination of local, state and federal resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, Housing America was created in Washington, DC, to collectively educate community members and stakeholders about housing and community development programs, to advocate for and empower past and present residents and clients of affordable housing programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, I hereby proclaim October 2017 as

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and endorses the national Housing America Campaign, its goals, objectives and purposes and in so doing recommits itself to meeting the affordable housing and community development needs of the 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 5th day of October, 2017.

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**MAYOR RANDALL L. RHOADS**