

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, too often, being a “good neighbor” is mistakenly defined as simply being quiet and keeping to ourselves, even though research shows that genuine connection with our neighbors creates stronger, safer, and more vibrant communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, in an age when many Americans feel isolated and alone, a simple hello across the fence, a shared meal, or a helping hand can spark connection, ease loneliness, and remind us we belong. It also strengthens our community and challenges us to take these small but powerful steps; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Human Relations Commission in partnership with the Cultural Commission and Wellness Commission, encourages citizens to recognize Missouri Good Neighbor Week, created by state law in 2022. From September 28 to October 4, Missourians will join together to complete thousands of intentional acts of kindness for those who live closest to us.

**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, 2025, as

## ***MISSOURI GOOD NEIGHBOR WEEK***

and encourage every resident of Lee’s Summit to be part of this movement - meet a neighbor, lend a hand, share a word of encouragement. Let’s make this week a turning point in how we see and serve one another.

**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 23rd day of September 2025.

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***MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD***