

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, “The Star-Spangled Banner”, our National Anthem, was written during the War of 1812; and,

WHEREAS, on September 14, 1814, in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Battle of Fort McHenry, Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry while being held on a British ship; and,

WHEREAS, the following morning, upon seeing the American Flag still flying over Fort McHenry, Mr. Key was inspired to write a poem that was titled, “Defense of Fort McHenry”. This poem was later set to music and renamed “The Star-Spangled Banner”; and,

WHEREAS, by congressional resolution signed by President Herbert Hoover, “The Star-Spangled Banner” became the National Anthem of the United States of America on March 3, 1931; and,

WHEREAS, millions of Americans cherish and respect the words and music of “The Star-Spangled Banner” and holidays, sporting and public events begin with singing or playing of the National Anthem as reaffirmation of patriotism and love of country; and,

WHEREAS, the James Kearney Chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812 calls for a day to observe the historical significance of the “The Star-Spangled Banner” and to celebrate the words that Francis Scott Key penned in 1814.

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 14, 2025, as

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER DAY

and encourage the citizens of Lee’s Summit to join in honoring the importance and history of our National Anthem and to teach future generations the meaning behind this patriotic song.

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 9th day of September 2025.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD