PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit is proud to support the students and teachers in our community and the various programs in which they participate and teach; and,

WHEREAS, "Theatre in Our Schools" (TIOS) Month, is a national movement where thousands of students and theatre educators join together in raising awareness of the impact that theatre has on our schools and community; and,

WHEREAS, the theatre programs of the high schools of Lee's Summit last year provided over 600 students the chance to participate in more than 30 productions ranging from major musicals to small one-act plays; and,

WHEREAS, research has demonstrated that student performance on academic tests, positive behavior in school, graduation rates and engagement in community citizenship activities are all better among students in theatre programs when compared to the general student population; and,

WHEREAS, the theatre programs have a significant impact on the community of Lee's Summit as over 15,000 people attended school theatre productions in the city each year, and thousands of dollars are spent at local businesses to purchase products and supplies needed to mount these productions, and at local restaurants for before and after show meals; and,

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit High School, Lee's Summit North High School, Lee's Summit West High School, Bernard Campbell Middle School, East Trails Middle School, Pleasant Lea Middle School and Summit Lakes Middle School all present major productions throughout the school year.

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 March 2026 as

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and urge citizens to attend one or more of the excellent performances by these outstanding theatre programs in our schools and to support the student thespians, musicians, set designers, stagehands, sound crew and teachers who work tirelessly to rehearse and produce these productions for the community's enjoyment.

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 10th day of March 2026.

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MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD