

# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, today's world is becoming busier than ever with advanced technology, requiring multi-tasking, distractions from social media and diversion from being present-minded; and,

**WHEREAS**, social norms and common courtesies are overlooked when people are stressed, preoccupied or rushed and maintaining face to face interactions are becoming more scarce in our faster paced and inattentive society; and,

**WHEREAS**, to inspire and initiate happiness and everyday kindness to others, the City of Lee's Summit Human Relations Commission is encouraging the community to "Take Time To Be Kind" the week of February 9 - 14, 2026 by demonstrating random and purposeful acts of kindness to promote positivity; and,

**WHEREAS**, kindness is a simple, selfless act of goodwill, requiring minimal effort and yet can have a phenomenal impact on an individual in their daily lives whether they are family, neighbors, co-workers, or strangers; and,

**WHEREAS** being kind could be a smile, holding a door open, telling someone they are appreciated, writing a note of encouragement or volunteering to help; and,

**WHEREAS**, kindness is free and does not require a monetary value to give to another person and only takes a moment to be more aware and compassionate towards others.

**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 February 9 – 14, 2026 as

## ***TAKE TIME TO BE KIND WEEK***

and encourage everyone in our community to be mindful of the kindness they give and the kindness they receive through thoughtful words and actions.

**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 3rd day of February 2026.

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***MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD***