

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, the safety of residents, including children, teens, adults and seniors, is a fundamental priority of the City of Lee's Summit; and,

**WHEREAS**, unauthorized access to firearms contributes to preventable injuries, deaths, and tragedies, including accidental shootings, and suicides; and,

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that secure storage of firearms, defined as keeping firearms unloaded, locked, and separate from ammunition, significantly reduces the risk of suicide and unintentional injury; and,

**WHEREAS**, securing firearms is a voluntary and responsible practice that respects the rights of lawful gun owners while prioritizing the safety of children, families, and the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, increased public awareness of secure storage practices has been shown to improve safety outcomes, reduce emergency response burden on public services, and save lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lee's Summit recognizes the importance of partnerships among healthcare providers, schools, veterans' organizations, public safety agencies, and community groups to provide secure storage information and resources to residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, J. Beto Lopez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2026 as

## ***SECURE STORAGE AWARENESS MONTH***

to promote awareness, education and outreach to keep our residents and community safe.

**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 2nd day of June 2026.

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**MAYOR J. BETO LOPEZ**