

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, mental health impacts the wellbeing and quality of life of each person and is integral to building and maintaining a meaningful and joyful life; and,

WHEREAS, nearly 44 million American adults and millions of children experience mental health conditions each year; and,

WHEREAS, mental illnesses are common and treatable, yet stigma and misunderstanding continue to prevent many individuals from seeking the help they need; and,

WHEREAS, education and prevention are effective ways to reduce the burdens associated with mental illnesses and we all share the responsibility to help anyone with signs of mental illnesses; and,

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month has been observed since 1949 to raise awareness of mental health conditions and the importance of mental health; and,

WHEREAS, during Mental Health Awareness, we recognize the importance of mental health, encourage policies that support mental well-being, and reaffirm our commitment to ensure access to quality mental health care for all.

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 the month of May 2025 as

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage the citizens of Lee's Summit to join in promoting awareness and understanding of mental wellness and to stand by those with mental health challenges to remind them they are never alone.

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 6th day of May 2025.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD