

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, first responders are people who selflessly go immediately to the scene of an accident, emergency or disaster to provide lifesaving assistance and medical treatment to others; and,

**WHEREAS**, these trained professionals include firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, police officers; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are times when first responders are the ones needing help in cases after they survive a critical incident, or are diagnosed with a rare and aggressive illness; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, Answering the Call (ATC), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit was founded by Ronnie Doumitt, to support these first responders in Missouri and Kansas and their families during difficult times, such as following severe injury or illness through community donations and fund-raising efforts; and,

**WHEREAS**, community support for first responders fosters collaboration, unity, and partnership, enabling both parties to work towards a safer and more resilient community; and,

**WHEREAS**, ATC is dedicated to the financial assistance of KC metro area first responders and has provided over \$1.3 million in financial support allowing these dedicated men and women, to focus on their recovery and wellbeing.

**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 this proclamation to

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to bring about awareness of this organization and encourage the Lee's Summit community to aid in its mission of supporting first responders during crises due to medical diagnoses, and duty/or non-duty related injuries.

**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 20th day of May 2025.

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**MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD**