

**WHEREAS**; change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and,

**WHEREAS**, community planning and plans help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and,

**WHEREAS**, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the full benefits of planning require public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America as an opportunity to highlight how planning is essential and how planners can lead communities to equitable, resilient and long-lasting recovery; and,

**WHEREAS,** National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the City of Lee's Summit.

**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 October 2024 as

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and recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of the City of Lee's Summit and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

**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 15th day of October 2024.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD