

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, pollinators such as bees, butterflies, birds, bats, and other wildlife play a critical role in the reproduction of over 75% of the world's flowering plants and are essential to the production of many fruits, vegetables, and nuts; and,

WHEREAS, bees, in particular, are responsible for pollinating more than one-third of the food we eat, supporting both ecological balance and economic stability; and,

WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in decline due to habitat loss, pesticide use, climate change, and disease, posing serious risks to global biodiversity, food security, and environmental health; and,

WHEREAS, the conservation of pollinators and their habitats is a shared responsibility that requires the support of individuals, communities, businesses, and governments; and,

WHEREAS, educating the public about the importance of pollinators and encouraging the planting of native flowers, reducing chemical use, and creating pollinator-friendly landscapes can help ensure a thriving ecosystem for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, World Bee Day serves as an opportunity for the City of Lee's Summit to celebrate the beauty, value, and necessity of pollinators and to take action toward their protection and preservation.

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 day of May 20, 2025 as

WORLD BEE DAY

and encourage all citizens of Lee's Summit to recognize the vital contributions of pollinators and to support efforts that safeguard their health and habitats.

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.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD