

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the theatre programs of the high schools of Lee's Summit last year provided over 600 students the chance to participate in more than 30 productions ranging from major musicals to small one-act plays; and,

WHEREAS, research has demonstrated that student performance on academic tests, positive behavior in school, graduation rates and engagement in community citizenship activities are all better among students in theatre programs when compared to the general student population; and,

WHEREAS, the theatre programs have a significant impact on the community of Lee's Summit as over 15,000 people attended school theatre productions in the city each year, and thousands of dollars are spent at local businesses to purchase products and supplies needed to mount these production, and at local restaurants for before and after show meals; and,

WHEREAS, the theatre programs have gained attention throughout the metropolitan area and the state for their excellent work including:

- more Best Overall Production Awards from both the Blue Star and Cappies programs than any other school system in the Kansas City area, and
- providing numerous student and adult board leaders for regional and state educational theatre organizations over the years; and,

WHEREAS, the high school theatre programs have provided significant community service programs in recent years including the annual Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat Food Drives that have raised over 70,000 pounds of food over the past 13 years for families in need in Lee's Summit; and,

WHEREAS, Summit Christian Academy, Lee's Summit High School, Lee's Summit North High School, Lee's Summit West High School and St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School will all present major productions this fall.

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 November 2023 as

EDUCATIONAL THEATRE MONTH

in the City of Lee's Summit and urge all citizens to attend one or more of the excellent performances by these outstanding theatre programs in our schools.

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 9th day of November 2023.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD