PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, planners can help navigate this change with data-driven insights and expertise that provide better choices for how people live, work and play; 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 elected and appointed officials 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 and its territories, and,

WHEREAS, the American Planning Association endorses National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight how planning is essential to every community, and how planners are uniquely positioned to identify solutions to communities' most difficult housing, transportation, and land use questions, and,

WHEREAS, National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of appointed planning commission members who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the City of Lee's Summit, and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by the 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.

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 October 2025 as

COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

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 7th day of October 2025.

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MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD