

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit recognizes the growing need to address mental health and substance use challenges that can result in homelessness, incarceration, and frequent emergency room visits, which place a strain on individuals, families, and community resources; and,

WHEREAS, early intervention and connection to behavioral health services have been proven to reduce these impacts, improve individual outcomes, and enhance overall public safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Lee's Summit Police Department, in partnership with ReDiscover, a local community mental health center, has adopted innovative and collaborative approaches to mental health crisis intervention through the Co-Responder and Mobile Crisis Responder initiatives, integrating trained mental health professionals alongside law enforcement officers and deploying mobile crisis teams to deliver immediate, on-scene support to individuals in crisis; and,

WHEREAS, this partnership ensures that individuals in need receive timely, appropriate care, reducing unnecessary arrests, avoidable hospitalizations, repeat 911 calls, and helping connect individuals to counseling, medication management, housing supports, and recovery services; and,

WHEREAS, the Lee's Summit Police Department and ReDiscover Crisis Response Teams demonstrate compassion, professionalism, and dedication every day, often working in challenging and unpredictable situations to safeguard both the well-being of individuals in crisis and the safety of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the collaborative work of our Co-Responders and Crisis Responders exemplifies the City's commitment to providing effective, humane, and community-focused public safety services.

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 week of September 18 – 24, 2025 as

NATIONAL CO-RESPONDER AND CRISIS RESPONDER WEEK

and urge all citizens to recognize and honor the contributions of these dedicated professionals whose work makes our community safer, healthier, and stronger.

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 September 2025.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD