

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure amending the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and,

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels America launched the March for Meals campaign in 2002 to recognize the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and,

WHEREAS, in Lee's Summit, Missouri, the Meals on Wheels programs have served our community admirably for more than 46 years providing nutritious meals to seniors throughout the city of Lee's Summit to help them maintain their health and independence, and provide a powerful socialization opportunity for seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 observance of March for Meals celebrates 18 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and seclusion; and,

WHEREAS, volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Lee's Summit, Missouri, are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger, but also provide caring concern and attention to their welfare.

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 March 2020 as

MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

and encourage citizens to honor our Meals on Wheels programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national 2020 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and loneliness.

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 3rd day of March 2020.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD