PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; Mantels and Martinis was created in 2012 to honor the life of Kyle Zammar, a vibrant 22-year old man full of potential who died unexpectedly in 2006 of myocarditis; and,

WHEREAS; Kyle, being an accomplished athlete, broadcaster and leader, was destined for a career in one of these fields. However, after a summer job working with special needs children, Kyle found his true calling to become a special needs teacher and coach; and,

WHEREAS, wanting to honor the memory and amazing life of her oldest son, Susie Zammar Gale and Austin Zammar, Kyle's younger brother, started "Kyle's Gift" a 501c3 organization that provides financial resources to benefit special needs children and adults; and,

WHEREAS, Mantels and Martinis evolved to serve as the annual fundraiser for Kyle's Gift and has designated the first Thursday of every December as their annual fundraising event. Creative volunteers open their homes to showcase their festive holiday decorations, while serving delectable martinis and delicious appetizers to encourage patrons to participate in the silent auction and purchase raffle tickets to raise funds for Kyle's Gift; and,

WHEREAS, since its inception, Kyle's Gift has gifted over $300,000 for programs serving the social, emotional, physical and educational needs of special needs children and adults; and,

WHEREAS, the 2023 Mantels and Martinis will take place on Thursday, December 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Winterset neighborhood of Lee's Summit.

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 December 7, 2023 as

MANTELS AND MARTINIS DAY

to bring awareness of Kyle's Gift and encourage our community to help make this annual endeavor a wonderful success while honoring the memory of Kyle Zammar.

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 5th day of December 2023.

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MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD