

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit is committed to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and,

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry; who work year round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and,

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S. based organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and,

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity; and,

WHEREAS, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," is the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, and encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry and recognizes that implementation of safety codes has saved lives and protected homes and businesses.

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 May 2020 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

In appreciation to local code officials for their commitment to improving building safety and economic investment in our community and to acknowledge the essential services provided by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

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 1st day of May 2020.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD