

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the travel industry fuels every industry and will continue to be an essential part of Lee's Summit's economy, development and workforce; and

WHEREAS, travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with an economic output of \$2.6 trillion in 2022, supporting 14.5 million American jobs; and

WHEREAS, travel spending supports vibrant and safe communities in Missouri and across the United States by generating \$84 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2022 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more; and

WHEREAS, travel enables success for all industries—including manufacturing, agriculture, defense, healthcare and more—by driving sales growth, innovation, education and operations that move our economy, our nation and Lee's Summit forward; and

WHEREAS, the travel industry cannot recover without the full return of leisure, business and international inbound travelers; increasing travel to and within the United States drives America forward to a more prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, the travel industry's success will grow Lee's Summit's economy and workforce, since, prior to the pandemic, small businesses accounted for 60% of leisure and hospitality employment; and

WHEREAS, travel is an essential industry, and we must continue to communicate that growing travel leads to economic growth, benefits businesses and fosters mutual understanding.

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 7-13, 2023 as

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

and urge the citizens of Lee's Summit to join me in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in our community.

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 2nd day of May 2023.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD