

# 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

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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.

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**MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD**