

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, Federal, State, local, and Tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the public trust even though, through the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy signed Public Law 87–726 (36 U.S.C. 136) (referred to in this preamble as the “Joint Resolution”), which authorizes the President to proclaim May 15 of every year as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” in honor of the Federal, State, and local officers who have been killed, disabled, or otherwise injured in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Resolution also authorizes the President to designate the week in which Peace Officers Memorial Day falls as “National Police Week”; and

**WHEREAS**, Peace Officers Memorial Day, 2023, honors the 245 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, including eight Missouri officers and Officer Daniel Vasquez of the North Kansas City Police Department.

**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 week of May 15, 2023 as

## ***NATIONAL POLICE WEEK***

to express support for recognizing “National Police Week”; to acknowledge that police officers and other law enforcement personnel, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, should be remembered and honored; to express condolences and solemn appreciation to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and encourage citizens of Lee’s Summit to observe National Police Week by honoring law enforcement personnel and promoting awareness of the essential mission that law enforcement personnel undertake in service to their communities.

**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**