

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, water is an essential element for sustenance and vital for life on our planet; and,

**WHEREAS**, 844 million people worldwide lack basic drinking water access, and women and girls spend an estimated 200 million hours hauling water every day for their families; and,

**WHEREAS**, a group of compassionate and concerned Lee's Summit residents resolved to help alleviate the deficiency of clean water in other countries through a creative BBQ rivalry; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Chris Turney invited friends and neighbors in the Winterset Valley subdivision to attend a friendly BBQ wings competition to raise funds and awareness about worldwide water shortages. The first event collected \$1,500 in donations for clean water; and,

**WHEREAS**, since then, this grass roots competition has grown and evolved into Wings4Water, a 501(c)(3) yearly corporate sponsored event that last year raised \$12,000 and drew over 1,000 guests; and,

**WHEREAS**, with their 2019 proceeds, Wings4Water purchased portable water filters to provide children clean water, paid for a water line repair at a Haitian school, funded a portion of a large water filtration unit to be installed in a third-world village and donated to World Vision for well drilling in sub-Saharan Africa; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite COVID-19, Wings4Water is hosting their fundraising event on September 10, 2020 at a socially distanced tailgating setting with take-out boxes for guests to purchase online in order to meet their goal to provide clean water to over 300 people worldwide.

**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 September 10, 2020 as

## **WINGS 4 WATER DAY**

to bring awareness of world water shortages and encourage our community to support Wings4Water in their local effort to provide clean water and basic needs to people globally.

**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 September 2020.

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**MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD**