

WHEREAS, art is defined as the expression of human imagination and creative skills to produce works appreciated for their diverse manifestations, emotional effect and personal interpretation; and,

WHEREAS, experienced through various senses, art is meant to be shared across a multitude of unique disciplines in a variety of venues and settings; and,

WHEREAS, artist rely on events ranging from art fairs, concerts, multi-media events and theatre productions to showcase their talents and products; and,

WHEREAS, local art infuses a community with vitality, beauty and dynamics, bringing people together in a visionary environment to be inspired, stirred and entertained; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic and the restrictions on public gatherings have hindered artists from opportunities to share and display their artistry, creativity, and skillfulness with our residents and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, to underscore the significance and influence of art and culture in our community the Lee's Summit Arts and Culture Week was created in appreciation of the artist and their endowments they share with everyone.

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 October 9 -18 2020 as

LEE'S SUMMIT ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK

to encourage our community to support local artists and art events while enjoying and appreciating the creativity, imagination and inspiration art provides in our daily lives.

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 8th day of October 2020.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD