

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, in 1994, the 103rd Congress passed Joint Resolution 413 designating November 1 as National Family Literacy Day; and,

WHEREAS, this day is celebrated across America each year, and focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs that empower families and build a nation of readers; and,

WHEREAS, National Literacy Day kicks off National Literacy Month in November, a national observance to focus on family literacy with activities in libraries, schools and community settings; and,

WHEREAS, family literacy emphasizes parents and their children learning together. It underscores the importance of adult literacy by encouraging parents to prioritize their own education so they can be more involved in their children's learning and literacy development and improve their literacy skills; and,

WHEREAS, it is a time for educators, librarians and others to celebrate learning differences and the many different ways to read, putting a spotlight on accessible digital text and alternatives to print; and,

WHEREAS, the community is encouraged to observe this day by gathering with your family and reading a book together; reading to children and grandchildren; holding book drives, tutoring a child, teaching ESL classes, and donating books to hospitals and schools.

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 November 1, 2020 as

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY

to bring awareness of the benefits of reading together as a family, to inspire young readers, to increase creativity and to expand learning aptitudes through listening and reading.

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 27th day of October 2020.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD