

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the citizens of the Lee's Summit stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities, and,

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, afterschool programs continued to support youth and help them recover from this challenging time by addressing their academic, social, and emotional needs. Today, programs are supporting young people and families as they navigate the return to school and will continue to innovate to meet ever-changing needs; and,

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and,

WHEREAS, "*Lights on Afterschool*", the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 28, 2021 promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and,

WHEREAS, many afterschool programs across the country are facing operating challenges so severe that they are forced to consider closing their doors and turning off their lights; and,

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn and grow, while helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work.

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 28, 2021 as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

and encourage our community to enthusiastically endorse afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

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 14th day of October 2021.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD