

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Alabama's bright future depends on the healthy development of its children; and*

*WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences, including the abuse and neglect of children, can cause severe and costly consequences for children, families and society as a whole; and*

*WHEREAS, every child has a right to a safe, healthy and happy childhood where they are educationally and developmentally on track; and*

*WHEREAS, research shows that parents and caregivers who have support systems and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and*

*WHEREAS, it is vital that individuals, businesses, schools and community organizations make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children; and,*

*WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an important opportunity to urge all of Dothan's citizens to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities, and that provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba, Mayor of the City of Dothan, and in such capacity, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2020, as*

## **"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

*And urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.*

*SEAL*

*Attest:*

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*Tammy Danner  
City Clerk*



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*Mark Saliba  
Mayor*