

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and every 10 years the Census aims to count the entire population, and at the location where each person usually lives in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the next Decennial Census is being taken in the year 2020, and political representation to the United States House of Representatives, State Legislatures and local governments are determined by the Decennial Census and the Dothan City Council recognizes the equal importance of each resident in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Dothan City Council acknowledges that COVID-19 has affected the response rate from the community for the 2020 census and realizes that by being informed about the Census and having a better understanding of the Census process and how it affects everyone, businesses are key to assisting Dothan and Houston County achieving a 90% response rate; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding is needed to provide Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP – Healthy lunch programs, Emergency Disaster Relief, Head Start, Pell Grants, Affordable Housing, Transportation Improvements, Small Business Opportunities and much more for the Dothan Metropolitan Statistical Area and Alabama's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba, Mayor of the City of Dothan Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2020 as

“August 2020 Census Month”

and Wednesday, August 12, 2020, as

“Drop Everything and Get Counted Day”

for all businesses and call upon all employers to take time on this day to educate their employees on the importance of the Census and assist them in taking it online during regular work hours and also calls upon all Dothan residents, groups and organizations to prepare themselves to be counted in the 2020 Census.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of City of Dothan Alabama to be affixed this 4th day of August, 2020.

Attest:

Tammy Danner
City Clerk



Mark Saliba, Mayor