

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Children are our future and society's greatest asset, and committed families shape and guide children by preparing them for obstacles and encouraging them to overcome life's demanding challenges: and*

*WHEREAS, Children who spend significant time with their parents show lower risks of suicide, dropout, teen pregnancy, incarceration, and drug abuse;*

*WHEREAS, children of concerned and active parents are far less likely to exhibit risky and unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, drinking, or using illegal drugs because of the valuable time spent with parents and the positive examples set by their parents;*

*WHEREAS, simple daily activities like sharing a meal, a conversation, or a book can have an enormous impact on the life of a child. Strong and engaged families help build a strong Dothan, and it is our responsibility as concerned family members to help create a solid foundation for the future health and happiness of all Dothan's children:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba, Mayor of the City of Dothan, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2020 as*

## **"FAMILY DAY A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN"**

*in the City of Dothan and urge all citizens to join in this day's activities and programs in our community. We ask for parents to turn off your cell phone (and tell your children to do the same), and make a regular date with your children. Let them know how important they are to you. Listen to what they have to say. Also, we ask you to work all year long to build our community coalition to address the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol, increase awareness and develop educational programs to create effective changes in attitudes and usage that will make our community drug free.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.*

Attest:

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Tammy Danner  
City Clerk



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Mark Saliba  
Mayor