

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, also known as HIPPY, is a home-based early education intervention program designed to help parents with limited formal education prepare their children for school; and

**WHEREAS**, Alfred Saliba Family Services Center's HIPPY program serves six counties in Alabama. No family is charged for services or materials to participate in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, HIPPY delivers 30 weeks of lessons to parents at home who in turn teach their two to five-year-old child for 20 minutes each day. The HIPPY activities include reading, math, science, motor, and language skill in which cognitive, creative, social, and emotional development is addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, the National PTA reports that "the most accurate predictors of student achievement in school are not family income or social status, but the extent to which the family becomes involved in the child's education." It's undeniable that parents who are active supporters of their children's learning are giving their kids the best opportunity for educational success. Parental support and involvement can also benefit kids of all ages at a developmental level that extends beyond academics.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba**, Mayor of the City of Dothan, and on behalf of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Dothan, Alabama do hereby proclaim April 26, 2021 as

## "HIPPY DAY"

in the City of Dothan, Alabama, and I call upon all parents of preschool age children to participate in literacy activities, such as reading a book with your child, playing a game, or going to the library with your child on April 26<sup>th</sup> and during the entire year.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

SEAL



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**Mark Saliba**  
Mayor

Attest:

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**Wendy Shiver**  
City Clerk