

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** everyone in the State of Alabama has a role to play in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect are serious problems affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

**WHEREAS,** child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** the most important thing we can do to help children thrive is to support families before they reach a crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** effective child abuse prevention strategies and training succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community, faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS,** we must all work together to increase awareness about child abuse and create safe and healthy environments for children where they can live with supportive families and engaged communities.

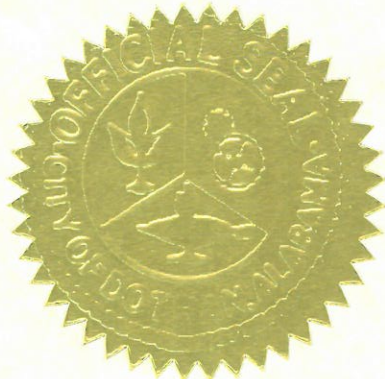
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba,** Mayor of the City of Dothan, and in such capacity, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2022, as

## "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

*SEAL*



*Attest:*

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*Wendy Shiver*  
City Clerk

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*Mark Saliba*  
Mayor