

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death in the United States claiming more than 350,000 lives annually; and

**WHEREAS,** ninety-five percent of SCA victims die before they reach a hospital or receive medical attention. Once a person experiences SCA, he or she has about five minutes to receive an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) shock to reset the heart's rhythm. Without the AED shock, the chance of surviving decreases by ten percent every minute life saving measures such as hands-only CPR are not initiated; and

**WHEREAS,** June 1-7 is National CPR and AED Awareness Week. The Southeast Health Foundation has partnered with the City of Dothan, Dothan Fire Department, the Southeast Alabama Regional EMS office, and the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce in leading a community-wide initiative to develop a HeartSafe program for the region. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of deaths from SCA. To become the first HeartSafe community in Alabama, we are encouraging organizations to make sure they have an adequate number of AEDs and their employees are trained in hands-only CPR.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba,** Mayor of the City of Dothan, and in such capacity, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 2023, as

## " CPR AND AED AWARENESS WEEK "

in the City of Dothan and call upon our citizens to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities to increase awareness of factors and symptoms of SCA.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

**SEAL**



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**Mark Saliba**  
Mayor

**Attest:**

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**Wendy Shiver**  
City Clerk