



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: It is important to give appropriate recognition to past and present fathers for their unique and valuable role in the lives of their children and for providing the foundation for the healthy and social development of their families who are a vital interest in the future of Alabama; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 40,000 Alabama children a year experience court ordered visitation with one parent (usually Fathers) for only one to six days a month. According to statistics children who grow up in fatherless homes are placed at a greater risk for failure in life; and

WHEREAS: All Alabamians are encouraged to visit fatherhood.org for information on creating sustainable fatherhood initiatives. Community and state leaders are urged to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children; and

WHEREAS: On this Father's Day, fathers are encouraged to recommit themselves to those duties that all parents share: to build a foundation for their children's dreams, to give them the love and support they need to fulfill them, and to stick with them the whole way through no matter what difficulties may arise.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor Walt Maddox, on behalf of the City Council of Tuscaloosa, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2018 as

Father's Day

in Tuscaloosa and urge everyone to recognize the important role fathers play and join together in observing this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City to be affixed this the 12th day of June, 2018.



Walt Maddox

**MAYOR WALTER MADDOX,
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA**