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June 12, 2018 THE ALABAMA FAMILY RIGHTS ASSOCIATION ASKED TUSCALOOSA MAYOR WALT MADDOX TO SIGN A HISTORIC FATHER'S DAY PROCLAMATION.

Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox of Alabama signed a proclamation acknowledging June 17, 2018 as Father's Day and encouraging all Alabamians to recognize the important role fathers' play.

This proclamation by Mayor Maddox states:

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

The proclamation encourages all Alabamians to recognize the important role fathers play and join together in observing this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

[Proclamation](#)

The primary goal of the Alabama Family Rights Association is to educate the public and government officials concerning the importance of equal involvement of both fit parents in a child's life. As the nation seeks answers on how best to make schools and communities safer, ALFRA believes they have the long-term solution:

- Acknowledge the need for a missing ingredient in the communities, often ignored for decades: The Vital Importance of Paternal Presence in Children's Lives.
- Take concentrated steps to embrace fathers and value every child's need for a father in their daily lives.

Data shows that we don't value fathers enough and it's harming our kids, families, communities, and state. Special thanks to Mayor Maddox for caring about children and families in Alabama.

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