

# City of Birmingham

## Proclamation

- Whereas,** *Children who spend significant time with both parents show lower risks of suicide, dropping out of school, teen pregnancy, incarceration, and drug abuse. However, the importance of children having two parents is diminishing in society as approximately 40,000 Alabama children a year experience court-ordered visitation with one parent for only two to six days a month; and*
- Whereas,** *Children of concerned and active parents are far less likely to exhibit risky and unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, drinking, or using illegal drugs because of the valuable time spent with parents and the positive examples set by parents, and social scientists agree that shared parenting should be the norm for children of all ages; and*
- Whereas,** *Simple daily activities such as sharing a meal, a conversation, or a book can have an enormous impact on the life of a child. Strong and engaged families help build a strong Alabama, and it is our responsibility, as concerned citizens, to help create a solid foundation for the future health and happiness of all of Alabama's children; and*
- Whereas,** *Family Day in Alabama has grown to promote the importance of family interaction, maintaining strong connections with children, and how children need both parents. During Family Day/Family Week, we honor the devotion of parents and recognize their critical role in teaching children positive and healthy behaviors; and*
- Whereas,** *We encourage Birmingham residents and area leaders to support the concept of shared parenting because of its benefits for children.*

**Therefore, I, Randall L. Woodfin, mayor of the City of Birmingham, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2020 as Family Day and the week of September 27 through October 3, 2020 as**

### **FAMILY WEEK**

*in the City of Birmingham. I encourage our citizens to observe these events by spending time with their families and by engaging in activities to honor and strengthen families in our city and state's families.*



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Birmingham, Alabama to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.*

*RL Woodfin*  
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**MAYOR**