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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our future and greatest asset. Committed families shape and guide children, prepare them for obstacles, and encourage them to overcome life's challenges; and,

WHEREAS, families are the cornerstone of an orderly society, and Family Day is a national movement to celebrate parental engagement in strong families. However, Alabama families have grown progressively weaker. The importance of the two-parent family is diminishing in society, and approximately 40,000 Alabama children experience see one parent for only 2-6 days a month; and,

WHEREAS, Family Day has expanded to "Family Week" in Alabama to reflect the importance of connecting with children throughout the week/day and making a concentrated effort to implement programs that stress the importance of a child's needs and of interacting together as a family; and,

WHEREAS, data indicates that when both parents are actively involved in a child's life, the outcome is measurably improved. Children spending significant time with their parents and family members are less likely to commit suicide, drop out of school, abuse drugs, experience teen pregnancy, or end up in jail because children with hands-on parents are far less likely to exhibit risky and disruptive behavioral problems; and,

WHEREAS, it is our responsibility as concerned family members to help create a solid foundation for the future health and happiness of our children. Simple daily activities like sharing a meal, a conversation, or a book can have an enormous impact on a child's life; and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama Family Rights Association (ALFRA) encourages everyone to observe Family Day/Week by enjoying an activity together as a family and posting photos of videos on social media using the hashtag #MyFamilySelfie or #FamilyDayAL20.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Woody Jacobs, as Mayor of the City of Cullman and on behalf of the Cullman City Council and our citizens, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

as

FAMILY DAY

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 3, 2020


as

FAMILY WEEK

in the City of Cullman, encouraging to recognize and demonstrate the importance of parental involvement in our children's lives.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cullman to be affixed on this, the 21st day of September, 2020.



Woody Jacobs

Mayor