



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our future and society's greatest asset, and committed families shape and guide children by preparing them for obstacles and encouraging them to overcome life's demanding challenges; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, Family Day in Alabama has grown to promote the importance of family interaction and connecting with kids throughout the Day/Week, and to stress that children need both parents; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Alabamians to visit CASAFamilyDay.org or ALFRA.ORG/FAMILY-DAY for information on talking with children about the perils of drug use, and we call on community and state leaders to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Holt, Mayor of the City of Florence, Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2020, as **FAMILY DAY** and the week of September 27 - October 3, 2020, as

FAMILY WEEK

I encourage citizens of the City of Florence to join together in observing this day/week by spending time with their families and by engaging in appropriate ceremonies and activities to honor and strengthen families both in Florence and the State of Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 15th day of September, 2020.

Steve Holt, Mayor

