

From the Governing Body of the
CITY OF ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA



Proclamation

- Whereas, children are our future, and committed families shape and guide children by preparing them for obstacles and encouraging them to overcome life's demanding challenges; and
- Whereas, children who spend significant time with both parents show lower risks of suicide, school dropout, teenage 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, like sharing a meal, a conversation, or a book, can have an enormous impact on the spirit of a child; and
- Whereas, it is our duty as concerned family and community members to help create a strong base 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 and connecting with children throughout the day, to stress that children need both parents, and to honor the devotion of parents and acknowledge their critical role in teaching children positive and healthy behaviors; and
- Whereas, we encourage everyone to visit CASAFamilyDay.org or ALFRA.ORG/FAMILY-DAY for information on talking with kids about the dangers of drug use, and we call on the community and state leadership to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children; and

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Orange Beach City Council and Mayor that September 28, 2020, is

FAMILY DAY

And September 27 through October 3, 2020, is

FAMILY WEEK

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "AT Kennon", is written over a horizontal line.

Tony Kennon, Mayor

