



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF ALABASTER

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Stroke is the second leading cause of death in the world, the fifth leading cause of death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Strokes can happen to anyone, at any age, and about one in four people worldwide will have a stroke in their lifetime. On average in 2016, someone died of a stroke every three minutes and 33 seconds; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, roughly 800,000 people in the United States have a stroke, yet 90 percent of strokes are linked to ten avoidable risks. Nearly 50 percent of all adults in the U.S. have high blood pressure, the leading cause of strokes, and 74 percent of people with high blood pressure do not currently have it under control. In 2016, 2.7 million deaths were attributed to ischemic stroke, and 2.8 million deaths to hemorrhagic stroke; and


**WHEREAS**, Research shows that while most people say they would call 9-1-1 in a stroke emergency, real-world data shows that up to 75 percent of those experiencing a stroke first called friends or family, thinking their symptoms were not serious and would go away on their own. This results in important time lost and limits medical options to reduce the chances of disability and death; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Alabaster recognizes Sanchez Tanniehill with God Did It Ministries, who has made significant contributions to spreading community awareness through outreach and education. Through his efforts, the community is empowered with the lifesaving F.A.S.T message of early detection, knowledge regarding the importance of calling 9-1-1, and prevention information for stroke risk modification. Through stroke prevention and community awareness, an opportunity exists to unite the citizens of Alabaster to prevent stroke deaths.

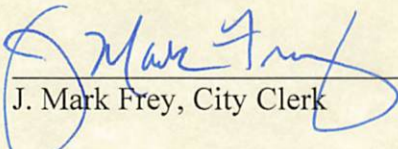
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Scott Brakefield, Mayor of the City of Alabaster, Alabama do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as **STROKE AWARENESS MONTH** in Alabaster, AL.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alabaster, Alabama to be affixed, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024.



  
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Mayor Scott Brakefield

ATTEST:

  
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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

