

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF AMBERSON'S CLOTHING

WHEREAS, Amberson's was started in 1939 by Frank Hughes Amberson; and

WHEREAS, the Frank Hughes Amberson family came to Boaz in 1939 opening the business on South Main Street until 1954 at which time his son William Hughes Amberson took over operations of the store; and

WHEREAS, after 1954, Frank Hughes Amberson operated a farm, used car business, and financial business; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hughes Amberson was active in civic and community activities including President of the Lion's Club, membership of Saint Paul United Methodist Church, membership in Civitans and Boaz Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hughes Amberson, elected Mayor of Boaz 1960-1964, began four years of active community development and progress. Achievements included construction of the new City Hall on Line Avenue, construction of the new Boaz High School and football field on Brown Street, and established a working summer recreation program which included swimming instructions, tennis, softball, and golf. This project led to the Boaz Recreation Center and it's activities; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Frank Hughes Amberson passed away; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, William Hughes Amberson assumed operations of the business on South Main Street; and

WHEREAS, William Hughes Amberson, a WWII Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, was nominated as Civitan Citizen of the Year in 1979 and 1996, and in 2011 William Hughes Amberson and wife, Zadie Nell Wells Amberson, were awarded Citizens of the Year by the Boaz Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, William Hughes Amberson served in all areas of the Little League Program including that of coach, was active in the Boaz Chamber of Commerce having held several offices including President, and served as Chairman of the Industrial Committee, was a member of the Boaz Civitan Club, serving on various committees and holding a variety of offices including President, was a past Lieutenant Governor of North Alabama Civitans, and received the distinguished award for outstanding work both as President and as Lieutenant Governor, also served as Deacon of First Baptist Church and was a member of the Boaz Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Phillip Hughes Amberson, son of William Hughes Amberson, became owner of the business on South Main Street where it continues to operate today under the name Amberson's Clothing; and

WHEREAS, after 84 years, Amberson's Clothing deserves the admirable distinction of the oldest family-named business in Boaz;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Dyar, Mayor of the City of Boaz, Alabama do hereby recognize Amberson's Clothing on their 84 year anniversary.

In Witness whereof, I, David Dyar, Mayor of Boaz do hereunto set my hand and cause the Corporate Seal of the City of Boaz to be affixed this 10th day of April, 2023.

Office of the Mayor

Witness: _____