

PROCLAMATION

WATER SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, Alabama's future depends on the long-term health, safety, and wellness of its community of children and teens in our state; and

WHEREAS, drowning is the single leading cause of death for children ages 1 – 4 and the second leading cause of injury-related death for children up to age 14 in the United States, affecting not only the victims but also families, emergency personnel and hospitals of our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, drowning and aquatic-related injuries are preventable; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based strategies like the National Drowning Prevention Alliance's 5 Layers of Protection, which includes using barriers and alarms, constant adult water supervision, adults and children learning basic swim and water competency skills, use of life jackets around open bodies of water, and emergency preparation with CPR with rescue breaths, will engage our community in water safety for all ages; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, the City of Madison, in collaboration with the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, community organizations and area hospitals, and private citizens, will engage our community in water safety for all ages

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Paul Finley, Mayor of the City of Madison, Alabama do hereby proclaim the month of

MAY 2024

As

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In the City of Madison, Alabama and urge all citizens to participate in efforts to reduce the risk of drowning and aquatic injuries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Madison, Alabama to be affixed, this 13th day of May, 2024.

Paul Finley, Mayor

