

PROCLAMATION

WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS DAY

WHEREAS, Women own nearly 13 million firms in the United States, employing more than 9.4 million workers and generating more than 1.9 trillion dollars in sales as of 2019; and

WHEREAS, between 2014 and 2019, the number of women-owned businesses climbed 21% to a total of nearly 13 million.

WHEREAS, Alabama ranks 15th in the Nation of women owned businesses with a growth rate of 42%; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has an estimated 153,000 women owned firms, employing just over 111,000 people with combined sales of \$19 billion; and

WHEREAS, City of Madison had 1,399 women owned firms as of 2012; and

WHEREAS, March is recognized as Women in History month; and

WHEREAS, City of Madison values entrepreneurial businesses and seeks to celebrate growth in business ownership among women in the community

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

MARCH 30, 2024

As

WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS DAY

in the City of Madison, Alabama.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Madison, Alabama to be affixed, this 25th day of March, 2024.

Paul Finley, Mayor