

**PROCLAMATION**  
**NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, everyone remembers someone special – a neighbor, teacher, relative or friend who ignited and/or defended our potential; and

**WHEREAS**, one way to return the favor is to mentor a child; and

**WHEREAS**, every adult has something to offer, and an hour a week can make a big difference in a child's life; a mentor does not have to change his or her life to change a child's; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that children engaged in the one-to-one, professionally supported mentoring programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters are more likely to finish high school and less likely to begin using drugs and alcohol, skip school, or be involved in violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in Madison, AL there are many young people who want and would benefit from having a mentor; and

**WHEREAS**, January has been designated as National Mentoring Month, calling on adults across America to get involved with mentoring programs

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

**JANUARY 2023**  
**as**  
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in the City of Madison, Alabama and call upon public officials, business and community leaders, and educators, and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, religious and educational institutions to support mentoring and give young people in our community the gift of time and friendship through programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tennessee Valley.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Madison, Alabama to be affixed, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

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Paul Finley, Mayor

