

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 2023**

**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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Paul Finley, Mayor

