

# PROCLAMATION

## TRASH PANDAS DAY

**WHEREAS**, the Rocket City Trash Pandas were awarded the 2025 Baseball America Double A Bob Freitas award for overall excellence in business operations business excellence, community involvement, and sustained success; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bob Freitas Award is one of the most prestigious honors in Minor League Baseball, awarded annually to one organization at each level that exemplifies leadership, innovation, and positive community impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rocket City Trash Pandas have demonstrated an exceptional dedication to serving the City of Madison through extensive community outreach, charitable partnerships, youth engagement, educational initiatives, and support for local nonprofit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Trash Pandas Foundation and team-led initiatives, the organization has invested in the quality of life of residents by promoting education, health, civic pride, and inclusivity both on and off the field; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Rocket City Trash Pandas reflects the strong partnership between the organization, Madison leaders, businesses, and fans, and has contributed to the economic vitality and national recognition of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rocket City Trash Pandas' recognition with the Bob Freitas Award underscores the organization's role as a national model for how professional sports teams can strengthen community connections while delivering an exceptional fan experience

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Ranae Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Madison, Alabama do hereby proclaim the day of

**FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

**as**

**TRASH PANDAS 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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Ranae Bartlett, Mayor