

## Proclamation

*Whereas, Behavioral health is an essential part of the health and wellness of the citizens of Sylacauga, Alabama; and*

*Whereas, Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective and People do Recover from both substance use disorders and mental health disorders; and*

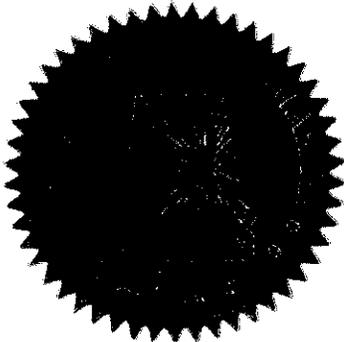
*Whereas, Untreated substance abuse and mental health disorders negatively affect individuals, families and communities. The criminal justice system, the child welfare system, family and social services agencies and community organizations are also adversely impacted; and*

*Whereas, Recent cost-benefit studies consistently find the benefits to society resulting from the treatment of Alcohol, substance use, and / or mental health disorders include reducing drug use, crime, and arrests. The studies also find improvement in employment and an increase in overall social functioning of the individuals treated; and*

*Whereas, The City of Sylacauga, Joins with Cheaha Mental Health and its Caradale Lodge Outpatient Treatment Program, The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in observing National Recovery Month in Sylacauga, Alabama during the week of September 20, 2015 through September 26, 2015;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Murphree, by virtue of the authority vested as Mayor of Sylacauga, Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as National Recovery Month in the City of Sylacauga.*

*Signed and sealed, this 15th day of September, in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.*



*Doug Murphree*  
Doug Murphree, Mayor  
City of Sylacauga