



**THE CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Community Development Program was enacted into law as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Program has as its primary objective the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique neighborhood needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 35-year history, the Community Development Program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, businesses, and the nonprofit sector which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence, under the administration of the Department of Planning and Community Development, has provided housing rehabilitation; neighborhood revitalization; human service needs; expansion of community facilities; job training, creation, and retention; and physical redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Program has had a profound impact on the City of Florence by supporting critical safety-net human services programs; public facilities and infrastructure improvements, including bricks and mortar projects; and assistance to the "least of these;"

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Holt, Mayor of the City of Florence, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17 through April 22, 2017 as

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the City of Florence in support of this valued program that has made a tremendous contribution to the viability of neighborhoods, critical infrastructure, and human services needs in Florence.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City of Florence encourages all citizens to join in together in expressing support for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 4th day of April, 2017.

Steve Holt, Mayor

