

# **CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

## **PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas**, everyone remembers someone special – a neighbor, teacher, relative or friend who broadened our horizons and brought a little magic into our lives; 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 Huntsville, Alabama 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; and

**Now, therefore, I**, Tommy Battle, Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby proclaim **January 2022** as

### **Mentoring Month**

in Huntsville, Alabama, and encourage 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.

**Dated** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

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Tommy Battle  
Mayor