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# 2020 RESOLUTIONS

## RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Alabama League of Municipalities' Annual Convention is its signature event as well as the venue for the League's Annual Business Session; and

WHEREAS it takes strategic collaboration with numerous entities as well as many hours to plan, organize and accomplish this event; and

WHEREAS, the nationwide COVID-19 pandemic required the League to postpone and then restructure its 2020 Annual Convention; and

WHEREAS, rescheduling, relocating and restructuring the Convention from Tuscaloosa to Montgomery and from four days to one required straightforward leadership and coordination from Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox and his team with League staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that we respectfully thank Mayor Walt Maddox and the City of Tuscaloosa for their assistance, understanding and support in rescheduling and relocating the 2020 Annual Convention and for working closely with League leadership and staff throughout this process.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, on March 13th, Governor Ivey declared a State of Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 followed by an April 3rd Stay at Home order from the State Health Officer due to potential widespread exposure to an infectious agent posing significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people; and

WHEREAS, the rapidly evolving circumstances of this unprecedented pandemic required municipal governments to adjust quickly and with little or no precedent as to how to proceed: and

WHEREAS, the Alabama League of Municipalities immediately began working closely with statewide leaders, lawmakers, agencies, organizations, partners and stakeholders to offer the best information, guidance and pathway forward; and

WHEREAS, responding to the daily challenges affecting local governments' ability to function would have been chaotic if not impossible without collaboration, transparency and compromise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that we commend Governor

Kay Ivey and her administration, particularly Chief of Staff Jo Bonner, Finance Director Kelly Butler, Legal Counsel Will Parker and Legislative Director William Filmore; Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth; State Health Officer Scott Harris; Attorney General Steve Marshall and his Opinions Division; Alabama's legislative leadership; Alabama's Congressional Delegation; the Conference of Black Mayors; the National League of Cities; and the many elected officials and lawmakers from around the state who included the League in their video town hall meetings and task force discussions for their leadership and courage to protect Alabama's citizens while trying to limit the damage to lives and livelihoods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alabama League of Municipalities is also especially grateful for the assistance of Tuscaloosa Chief Financial Officer Susan Snowden as well as attorneys Ben Goldman and Shane Black with Hand Arendall Harrison Sale for their unique municipal insight and professional guidance throughout the pandemic and as Alabama's cities and towns attempt to normalize and rebuild their economies.

## RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, Alabama's municipalities are responsible for providing services and protecting the wellbeing of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant and historic impact on municipal revenue streams, possibly endangering the ability to provide essential services; and

WHEREAS, in the early weeks of the pandemic the Alabama League of Municipalities formed the ALM Stimulus Task Force to determine the immediate economic impact of COVID-19 on Alabama's cities and towns, particularly through the loss of sales and use taxes, motor fuel taxes, lodgings taxes, rental taxes and occupational taxes, to provide a sound basis for Governor Ivey and Alabama's Congressional Delegation to fairly distribute potential federal stimulus aid to communities in an effort to keep them solvent; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is chaired by League Immediate Past President Athens Mayor Ronnie Marks and is comprised of municipal officials from throughout Alabama including: Mayor Leigh Dollar, Guntersville and ALM President; Councilmember Adam Bourne, Chickasaw and Chair of ALM's Committee on State and Federal Legislation; Mayor Gary Fuller, Opelika; Mayor Tony Haygood, Tuskegee; Mayor Walt Maddox, Tuscaloosa; Mayor Mark Saliba, Dothan; Mayor Robert Craft, Gulf Shores; Councilmember Bridgette Jordan-Smith, Vincent;

Mayor Hollie Cost, Montevallo as well as support from Tuscaloosa Chief Financial Officer Susan Snowden, Tuscaloosa Communications Specialist Alex House and Mobile Executive Director of Finance Paul Wesch; and

WHEREAS, the members met multiple times via conference call and teleconference to determine the necessary resources and establish a matrix for gathering accurate information on a per municipality basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that we applaud the efforts of the ALM Stimulus Task Force to address the challenges to municipal revenue sources brought on by COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alabama League of Municipalities will continue to support the Stimulus Task Force as it determines best practices and develops guidance following this unprecedented disturbance in Alabama's history.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

WHEREAS, Alabama's municipalities are responsible for providing services and protecting the wellbeing of all citizens regardless of race or national origin; and

WHEREAS, around the world people were shocked and angered by the tragic actions that led to the senseless death of George Floyd in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, George Floyd's death is one that should have never happened, and is a tragedy for which too many people, especially African Americans, are all too familiar; and

WHEREAS, as a result of collective anger and frustration, many citizens came together across Alabama to peacefully protest but in some instances, those protests turned violent resulting in harm to people and damage to property; and

WHEREAS, in the words of the Congressman and Alabama native, John Lewis, "rioting, looting and burning is not the way";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that we support and protect the right of the people of Alabama to peacefully lift their voices, even in anger and frustration, and publicly demonstrate in nonviolent ways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alabama League of Municipalities will continue to condemn systemic racism and violence in any form against people or property.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5**

WHEREAS, Ken Smith, Executive Director for the Alabama League of Municipalities, retired on June 1, 2020, with 34 years of commendable service to the cities, towns and municipal entities of this state; and

WHEREAS, Ken began his career as a staff attorney with

the League in 1986 after finishing a one-year clerkship for Justice Hugh Maddox on the Alabama Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, throughout his three-plus decades with the League, Ken became an expert in municipal law as well as a respected and loyal advocate of municipal interests; and

WHEREAS, Ken was named the League's fourth Executive Director in 2011 following the retirement of Perry C. Roquemore, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Ken successfully led efforts to implement several invaluable programs benefiting its membership, including the Alabama Municipal Funding Corporation and Municipal Intercept Services; and

WHEREAS, Ken was a champion of municipal government who worked diligently to protect municipal interests and expand educational, financial and quality of life opportunities for Alabama's municipalities, their staffs and their elected officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that we do hereby commend Ken Smith for 34 years of service and dedication to the Alabama League of Municipalities, its member cities and towns and to the many municipal officials and municipal employees throughout the State of Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we congratulate him on his well-earned retirement and extend our best wishes to Ken and his wife, Brenda, for continued success, happiness and good health in the years to come.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 6**

WHEREAS, Steve Martin, Finance Director for the Alabama League of Municipalities, retired on July 1, 2020, with 29 years of commendable service to the League, its membership and its affiliate organizations; and

WHEREAS, in his role Steve efficiently and effectively managed League finances and advised the Executive Director and Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Steve was instrumental in significantly expanding services for the benefit of League members while serving as the Operations Manager of the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund for 25 years as well as managing the financial operations of the Alabama Municipal Funding Corporation and Municipal Intercept Services; and

WHEREAS, Steve helped develop and launch a full-service Loss Control Division in partnership with the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation, allowing both programs to provide additional staff and expanded risk management services at a much-reduced cost to their members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, the 23rd day of July, 2020, that they do hereby commend Steve

Martin for his years of outstanding service to the League and its affiliate organizations and for his dedication to the sound financial practices that have benefited the League and its members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our best wishes to Steve and his wife, Loretta, for continued success, happiness and good health in the years to come.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7**

WHEREAS, Mayor Ronnie Marks of Athens, Alabama, served as President of the Alabama League of Municipalities from May 2019 until May 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Marks' diligent attention to duty and outstanding leadership was imperative as the League responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, including rescheduling and relocating its Annual Convention; creating a 10-member Stimulus Task Force; and guiding a staff leadership transition to ALM's fifth executive director; and

WHEREAS, the members of the League shall always be most grateful for Mayor Marks' year of selfless service and unwavering efforts to ensure the League remained engaged and at the forefront throughout the state's reaction to COVID-19 to address the challenges faced by Alabama's cities and towns during this unprecedented time in Alabama's history; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Marks led the effort to examine the League's Constitution, which had not been revised since 1988, establishing a committee to review and recommend necessary updates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that they do recognize and commend Mayor Marks, for his service as a municipal official in the State of Alabama and as a leader of our state organization.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8**

WHEREAS, League Past President and former mayor of Calera George Roy passed away on July 19, 2019, at age 91; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Roy served the City of Calera for nearly 42 years – first as a councilmember and then as mayor; and

WHEREAS, Calera's population was just under 2,000 when he first took office and was approaching 11,000 when he retired in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Roy was an active member of the Alabama League of Municipalities, serving on numerous committees and as League President from 2002-2003; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Roy served for many years on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Roy was a long-time advocate of municipal government and its critical role in the success and

wellbeing of Alabama's cities and towns and is remembered as one of Calera's most respected and beloved public servants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that they do memorialize Mayor George Roy and pay tribute to the many years of dedicated service he gave to the City of Calera, the Alabama League of Municipalities and the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. His devotion to local government and his friendship will be missed by his colleagues throughout Alabama.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9**

WHEREAS, League Past President and former mayor of Tuscaloosa Alvin "Al" DuPont passed away on July 30, 2019, at age 94; and

WHEREAS, Mayor DuPont served the City of Tuscaloosa as the city's assistant city engineer, public works director, city planner, planning and development director and as a grantsman before retiring and serving as mayor from 1981 until he retired on his 80th birthday in 2005; and

WHEREAS, as engineer, planner and an elected official, Mayor DuPont was involved with a multitude of city-wide infrastructure projects and improvements, including the creation of Lake Tuscaloosa and recruiting the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International manufacturing plant; and

WHEREAS, Mayor DuPont was an active member of the Alabama League of Municipalities, serving on numerous committees and as League President from 1991-1992 and again from 2000-2001; and

WHEREAS, Mayor DuPont was a member of the Building Subcommittee responsible for the expansion of League Headquarters in 1992 as well as an active member of the Advisory Council for the National League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, Mayor DuPont was a long-time advocate of municipal government and its critical role in the success and wellbeing of Alabama's cities and towns and is remembered as one of Tuscaloosa's most respected and beloved public servants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that they do memorialize Mayor Al DuPont and pay tribute to the many years of dedicated service he gave to the City of Tuscaloosa and the Alabama League of Municipalities. His devotion to local government and his friendship will be missed by his colleagues throughout Alabama.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 10**

WHEREAS, League Past President and former mayor of Brewton Theodore “Ted” Jennings passed away on January 20, 2020, at age 76; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jennings was a native of Brewton who was appointed to fill a council seat in 1986 and then served as mayor from 1988 to his retirement in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jennings was an active member of the Alabama League of Municipalities, serving on numerous committees and as League President from 1998-1999; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jennings served for many years on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. as well as the Board of Directors and then Advisory Council for the National League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jennings was involved with a multitude of city-wide quality of life projects and improvements; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jennings was a long-time advocate of municipal government and its critical role in the success and wellbeing of Alabama’s cities and towns and upon his retirement from public office in 2012 was remembered by Congressman Jo Bonner as “a man gifted with a vision for our nation’s – and region’s – economic future” who “for decades promoted the development of telecommunications on the local and state level, leveraging the resources of businesses and universities”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that they do memorialize Mayor Ted Jennings and pay tribute to the many years of dedicated service he gave to the City of Brewton, the Alabama League of Municipalities and the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. His devotion to local government and his friendship will be missed by his colleagues throughout Alabama.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 11**

WHEREAS, League Past President and mayor of Clanton Billy Joe Driver passed away on July 9, 2020, at age 84; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Driver served the City of Clanton for 48 years – first as a councilmember from 1972 until 1984 and then as mayor from 1984 until his death; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Driver worked with the Chilton Co. Engineering Department from 1953 until retiring in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Driver was an active member of the Alabama League of Municipalities, serving on numerous committees and as League President from 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Driver served for many years on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation and as its Chairman since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Driver was a long-time advocate of municipal government and its critical role in the success and wellbeing of Alabama’s cities and towns and is remembered

as one of Clanton’s most respected and beloved public servants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that they do memorialize Mayor Billy Joe Driver and pay tribute to the many years of dedicated service he gave to the City of Clanton, the Alabama League of Municipalities and the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation. His devotion to local government and his friendship will be missed by his colleagues throughout Alabama.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that they memorialize the following persons who have died in office since our last convention, namely:

- Bay Minette: Howard Danleigh Corbett, councilmember
- Brundidge: Arthur Lee Griffin, mayor pro tempore
- Clanton: Billy Joe Driver, mayor and former ALM President
- Coosada: Leon Smith, Sr., councilmember
- Dadeville: H.A. “Dick” Harrelson, councilmember
- Double Springs, Bill Hawkins, councilmember
- Geraldine: Orvil Bearden, councilmember
- Good Hope: John “Johnny” Edward Harris, councilmember
- Goodwater: Robert L. Graham, mayor
- Guin: Troy Hightower, councilmember
- Lanett: Shirley B. Motley, councilmember
- Lexington: Ronnie Mitchell, councilmember
- Lineville: Johnny Appleby, councilmember
- Loxley: Billy Middleton, mayor
- Millport: Kenny Pollard, councilmember
- Muscle Shoals: Neal Willis, councilmember
- Rockford: Nancy Gaddis, councilmember
- Sipse: Jerry Sadler, mayor
- Warrior: James F. Jett, councilmember

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following former officials be memorialized:

- Abbeville: Dan Blalock, former mayor
- Alex City: Don McClellan, former mayor
- Andalusia: Lewis Carpenter, former councilmember
- Athens: Johnny Crutcher, former councilmember
- Autaugaville: F.B. Ward, former mayor
- Brewton: Ted Jennings, former mayor and ALM President
- Calera: George Roy, former mayor and ALM President
- Cherokee: Jimmy Eugene Brown, former mayor
- Coaling: Charley Foster, former mayor
- East Brewton: Lovelace Parker, former mayor
- Eclectic: Charles Powell, former councilmember

- Elberta: Donald Koontz, former councilmember
- Fayette: Brannen Perry, former councilmember
- Fayette: Jerry Bobo, former mayor
- Fayette: Mike Hardin, former councilmember
- Florence: Jean Gay Mussleman, former councilmember
- Gardendale: Garry Morris, former councilmember
- Hartselle: Scotty Maples, former mayor
- Hokes Bluff: Andy Gardner, former councilmember
- Hueytown: Lillian Putnam Howard, former mayor
- Level Plains: Gregory “Greg” Martin Swim, former councilmember
- Littleville: Kenneth Copeland, former mayor
- Mobile: Thomas Sullivan, former councilmember
- Montgomery: Herman Harris, former councilmember
- Mountain Brook: Alice Williams, former councilmember
- Opelika: Clarence Harris, Jr., former councilmember
- Opp: Arlin Davis, former councilmember
- Owens Cross Roads: Curtis J. Craig, former mayor
- Ozark: Tom Goff, former mayor
- Prattville: Gray Price, former mayor
- Priceville: Charles Atkins, former mayor
- Priceville: Kirkland Brown, former mayor
- Rainbow City: Barbara Mack, former councilmember
- Roanoke: Tommy Hill, former mayor
- Rockford: Carel Smith, former councilmember
- Rogersville: James Willis Hagood, former mayor
- Sylvania: Max Turner, former mayor
- Thomasville: Luther Gaddy, former councilmember
- Tuscaloosa: Alvin P. DuPont, former mayor and ALM President
- Tuscaloosa: Odessa Warrick, former councilmember

### **RESOLUTION NO. 13**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Memorial Preservation Act of 2017 (Act) requires public entities to obtain state permission before moving or renaming historically significant buildings and monuments that date back forty years or longer; and

WHEREAS, the Act imposes a twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000) fine against any public entity that violates the Act and such fine is paid by the public entity with public dollars; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and other local public entities are in the best position to determine and address local issues with regard to monuments covered by the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of the Alabama League of Municipalities in Convention assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020, that we do hereby ask the Legislature to allow for local authority to relocate monuments covered by the Act to other areas, such as cemeteries or historical parks as local needs require.