

*Office of the Mayor  
Foley, Alabama  
Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, education is the foundation of a strong and thriving community, and teachers play a vital role in shaping the minds, character, and future of our students; and

**WHEREAS**, outstanding teachers inspire curiosity, foster creativity, and encourage lifelong learning both inside and outside the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Kerry Becton has demonstrated exceptional dedication, professionalism, and passion for teaching, consistently going above and beyond to support student success; and

**WHEREAS**, she has made a lasting impact on students, colleagues, and the broader school community through innovative instruction, leadership, and commitment to excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Kerry Becton exemplifies the highest standards of the teaching profession and serves as a role model for educators everywhere;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED I**, Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich and on behalf of the Foley City Council, hereby recognizes and honors

*Kerry Becton, Florence B. Mathis Elementary School*

As **Teacher of the Year** for the year 2026, in appreciation of her outstanding contributions to education and the community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this **4th Day of May, 2026**

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_