

From the Governing Body of the
CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA



Proclamation

- Whereas, Foley Elementary School is celebrating the one year anniversary of receiving the Lighthouse Certification; and
- Whereas, the Lighthouse Certification is a highly-regarded standard set by FranklinCovey that is attainable by every **Leader in Me** school. As it is a significant benchmark, applying for this certification typically occurs four or five years after a school begins the **Leader in Me** process; and
- Whereas, this achievement is a mark of STEM distinction and excellence only offered to highly effective institutions that prioritize STEM education as a path to success; and
- Whereas, Foley Elementary School has also earned the Cognia STEM Certification. Foley Elementary School had to demonstrate adherence to the Cognia STEM Standards as reflected by the school's performance across a series of rigorous disciplines; and
- Whereas, Cognia STEM Certification is the first internationally recognized mark of quality for STEM schools and programs, signaling the growing emphasis placed on STEM education by educators, politicians, and business leaders around the world. In earning this certification, Foley Elementary School has demonstrated its commitment to preparing its students for their educational and career opportunities of the future by ensuring its students will have the skills and knowledge they need to be successful in their postsecondary pursuits and as workforce contributors in the 21st-century economy; and
- Whereas, The certification process provides a robust evaluation and continuous improvement process, supported by research-based tools and resources. Achieving high scores across the indicators certify that students have been equipped and trained to be innovative, creative, and systematic problem-solvers across disciplines.

Now, therefore, I, Ralph Hellmich, Mayor of the City of Foley, Alabama, and on behalf of the City of Foley City Council, do hereby commend Foley Elementary School for the tremendous strides the school has made to receive these two prestigious certifications and on behalf of all residents of the City of Foley thank them for their efforts in providing wonderful opportunities for the youth of our community and guiding them toward a successful future.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Foley, Alabama, this 18th day of April, 2022.

Ralph Hellmich

ATTEST:

Kathryn Taylor