

Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chris Blankenship has devoted his career to the conservation, protection, and enhancement of Alabama's natural resources and has served as Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources since his appointment by Governor Kay Ivey in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Blankenship has deep roots in coastal Alabama, having grown up in Mobile and Dauphin Island, earned his degree from the University of South Alabama, and built a distinguished career with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as Commissioner, Chris Blankenship has demonstrated exceptional leadership in conservation, marine resources, wildlife, state parks, outdoor recreation, and coastal restoration; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, significant GOMESA and other conservation investments have benefited Mobile and Baldwin Counties, including projects involving coastal restoration, state parks, boat ramps, land acquisitions, and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Blankenship has strengthened partnerships among local governments, state and federal agencies, universities, and conservation organizations, helping advance projects that protect Alabama's natural resources and benefit its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama has established the Blankenship Scholars Program in the Stokes School of Marine and Environmental Sciences to honor his legacy and prepare the next generation of conservation enforcement professionals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Foley recognizes Commissioner Chris Blankenship for his outstanding service, leadership, and lasting contributions to Alabama and particularly to the Gulf Coast and the communities of Mobile and Baldwin Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City of Foley, Alabama, hereby honors **CHRIS BLANKENSHIP** for his distinguished career and steadfast commitment to conservation, natural resources, and the people of Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City of Foley extends its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Blankenship for his leadership, partnership, and lasting impact on coastal Alabama, and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavors.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
on this **17th Day of August, 2026**

Attest: _____