

*Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama
Proclamation*

WHEREAS, Dr. William Lawrence has served in the educational field for over thirty nine years; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in education even before completing his student teaching through the University of Mobile; and

WHEREAS, he received his B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Mobile in 1978 and went on to obtain his Master of Science in Education from Missouri State University in 1980 and then he earned his Doctor of Education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1983; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Alabama, he taught 6th Grade at N.G. Davis Elementary in Theodore, AL., his hometown; and

WHEREAS, he became Assistant Principal of Semmes Elementary in 1984 and then became Principal of M.W. Burroughs Elementary in 1987; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, he was asked by the Mobile County School System to take on the principalship of one of the new innovated magnet schools, Council Traditional Schools and was Principal there for five years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence has roots in Baldwin County, Alabama. His family heritage lends itself to some of the first families to settle in the Fairhope area in the late 1800's-early 1900's. His great-grandfather and grandfather built The Fairhope ferry boat that brought Mobilians and others to Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Dr. Lawrence moved to Foley, AL. and became the Principal of Foley Elementary School where he has served for the past twenty one years; and

WHEREAS, DR. Lawrence has received numerous awards throughout his career. Notably are: American History Teacher of the Year in 1982; Alabama District Distinguished Principal by the AAESA in 1996; Who's Who of American Educators 2005-2006 and Baldwin County Reading Council Administrator of the Year in 2014-2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Koniar, speaking on behalf of all our citizens, publicly go on record as commending

Dr. William Francis Lawrence

for his distinguished service and outstanding efforts by expressing our appreciation for his dedication to education.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
on this 24th day of May, 2018.

Attest: