

*Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama
Proclamation*

WHEREAS, Mark S. Barlow, a resident of Foley, Alabama has dedicated his time, energy and effort to the service of the community both professionally and as a private citizen. For over thirty years, Mark has trained children and adults in the martial arts, offering his experience and knowledge to countless civic, social and professional organizations. He has prepared both military and law enforcement officers to face life threatening challenges with poise and skill, providing them with the ability to come home to their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mark has led Akayama Ryu Jujutsu, an international martial arts organization for twenty years and overseen the expansion of the system across the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. He is the author of several magazine articles and the book, JUJUTSU, LEGACY OF THE SAMURAI; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, Mark has promoted and organized martial arts camps and conventions on the Alabama Gulf Coast, bringing students to train while supporting the economy of the area; and

WHEREAS, Mark has also been a tireless volunteer for community service as well as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Mark serves as a source of inspiration and leadership with his humility, humor and compassion both in and out of dojo.

Therefore, I, John E. Koniar, Mayor of the City of Foley, Alabama, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2014 as "MARK S. BARLOW DAY".

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand on this 6th Day of January, 2014*

Attest:

Victoria Southern

