

Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama

Proclamation

WHEREAS, those Citizens of Baldwin County in the years of Eighteen Hundred Sixty One through Eighteen Hundred Sixty Five did, regardless of race, age or gender, in overwhelming numbers, rise in the defense of Baldwin County freely giving of their labor, money service and, in many cases, their very lives; and

WHEREAS, the men of Baldwin County did, without hesitation or evasion, enlist in the service of the State of Alabama, and the Confederate States of America, giving honorable and unselfish service until the end of the conflict and conducting themselves in the best tradition of the American Soldier; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County did provide for the defense of the State of Alabama and the Confederate States of America numerous military units including the Baldwin Rangers, the Baldwin Star Rangers, Company C of the 15th Confederate Cavalry, the English Independent Cavalry, and the G.B. Hall's Militia, all composed of Baldwin County men; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County was the scene of some of the last fighting of the war at Blakeley, Spanish Fort and all the way North to the Monroe County line; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of that era, sustained by the highest qualities of devotion to duty, idealism and faith, and having lost the conflict, returned to their former occupations, living quiet, law-abiding lives and teaching their children to be honest, hard-working citizens; and

WHEREAS, those citizens of color of Baldwin County, both slave and free, did also overwhelmingly support the State of Alabama and the Confederate States of America and did work well and faithfully as laborers, cooks, blacksmiths, teamsters and, on many occasions, as soldiers, thereby gaining their right to equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, many of those Veterans and their wives, having completed their earthly duties and gone to a well-deserved rest, lie in marked and unmarked graves, many within the City of Foley; and

WHEREAS, the descendants of many of these Veterans reside until this day in the City of Foley and do cherish the traditions of honor, freedom and love of home and family which were passed to them by their ancestors;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mayor John Koniar and the City of Foley Council, do hereby encourage all Citizens of Foley to study the lives and times of these remarkable Americans, to emulate their virtues and to correct their faults. We also do declare the month of June to be,

"Confederate History Month"

in the City of Foley and I commend this observance to all citizens.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
on this 3rd Day of June, 2013

Attest:

Victoria Bullock