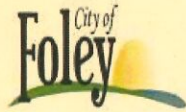


From the Governing Body of the  
CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA



Proclamation

- Whereas, art enters into all phases of our lives, into our homes and schools, and our industry and commerce, and;
- Whereas, here on the Gulf Coast there are many priceless works of coastal and nautical art, which reminds us of the paradise we call home and of the genius of creation that has always existed in our country, and;
- Whereas, the City of Foley’s Country Place Senior Living resident Virginia Burleson, who has lived her whole life in Haleyville, Alabama, and;
- Whereas, she began painting at the age of 8 years old and she continues to paint every day even at her current age of 97 years young, and;
- Whereas, she has always admired Wayne Spradley’s work as a watercolorist and after going to see his art, her love of watercolors amplified, and;
- Whereas, Ms. Burleson painted the beautiful scene below of the Country Place Senior Living facility after the 2025 historic snow storm, which is a rare event on the Gulf Coast.

Now, therefore, I, Ralph Hellmich, Mayor of the City of Foley, Alabama, and on behalf of the City of Foley City Council, do hereby proclaim that Virginia Burleson be recognized for her outstand painting of our historical snowstorm that took place on January 21, 2025.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to  
geniusbe affixed the Seal of the City of Foley, Alabama, this 17th day of  
February, 2025.

ATTEST: