

# City of Birmingham Proclamation

**Whereas,** *Prostate cancer is the second-most common form of cancer among men, and on average, a man dies of prostate cancer every 20 minutes. In 2020, more than 191,000 men will develop prostate cancer and this disease will claim over 33,000 lives. However, when the right preventative measures are taken and the disease is detected early, prostate cancer is very treatable; and*

**Whereas,** *One in nine men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. While all men are at risk for developing prostate cancer, African-American men are disproportionately affected. One in six African-American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. It is recommended that African-American men begin screening for prostate cancer at 40 years of age in an effort to beat the disease; and*

**Whereas,** *Former SEC Commissioner Mike Slive was aware of how prostate cancer impacted men, as it personally affected him. But he did not let the disease discourage him. Instead, he used his story to help make a difference in other people's lives. In September 2017, he co-founded the Mike Slive Foundation for Prostate Cancer Research, which has raised over \$1.4 million and funded 12 cutting-edge prostate research projects since its inception; and*

**Whereas,** *Unfortunately, Mr. Slive lost his battle to prostate cancer in May 2018. But his legacy lives on through the work of the Mike Slive Foundation to raise awareness about prostate cancer in SEC country and beyond; and*

**Whereas,** *It's an honor to join communities around Alabama, the country, and the world to remember those we have lost too soon, reflect on the tremendous progress we have made in battling this disease, and continuing to fight against prostate cancer.*

**Therefore, I, Randall L. Woodfin, mayor of the City of Birmingham, do hereby proclaim the month of September as**

## **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**

*And to salute Mike Slive, who's foundation continues to work to eradicate prostate cancer through public awareness and research funding efforts. May this proclamation serve as a reminder that men should get tested early for prostate cancer. And may this message also encourage, empower and educate others to remain strong when facing any challenge.*



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Birmingham, Alabama to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.**

*Re Woodfin*  
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**MAYOR.**