**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** The ***Huntsville City Schools Summer Feeding Program*** provides free, nutritious meals to all children, 18 years of age and younger throughout the summer; and

**WHEREAS,** Summer is also a critical time for kids and teens’ academic and physical development. Studies show that kids are at a higher risk for both hunger and obesity during the summer months and lose several months of learning in mathematics and reading; and

**WHEREAS,** Summer meals programs are more important than ever before as families are facing tough economic times. Summer meals also provide kids and teens a fun, safe place to be with friends and stay active; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Huntsville received a Cities Combating Hunger Through Afterschool & Summer Meals Programs (CHAMPS) grant from the National League of Cities; and

**WHEREAS,** The grant will allow us to increase awareness about free summer meals through outreach in the community and increasing the number of meal sites or capacity of existing sites in underserved areas, Huntsville can increase access to summer meals programs; and

**WHEREAS,** Huntsville is committed to make sure no child goes hungry this summer

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Tommy Battle, Mayor of the Huntsville, Alabama do hereby recognize the

***Huntsville City Schools***

***Summer Feeding Program 2017***.

**Dated,** this twenty-fourth day of May, 2017.

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Tommy Battle

Mayor

Huntsville, Alabama