



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Mobile is known for having the oldest verified organized Mardi Gras celebrations in the United States, beginning in 1703, well before the founding of our nations; and

**WHEREAS,** The City was also host to the first formally organized Mardi Gras parade in the United States in 1830; and,

**WHEREAS,** The parading and celebratory traditions of other cities were initiated by migrating Mobilians, who spread the majesty of the Carnival Season across the region; and,

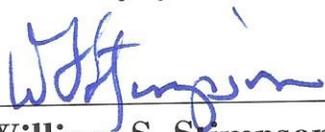
**WHEREAS,** The City of Mobile recognizes the importance of the Carnival Traditions , and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Mobile is now home to the nation's first official Mardi Gras Tree,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, *William S. Stimpson, 108<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City of Mobile do hereby grant full authorization to the City of New Orleans, the City of St. Louis, and any other revelers, Krewe members, or Mystic Societies to participate in the grand tradition of Mardi Gras this Carnival Season.*



*Done at the City of Mobile, Alabama,  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020*

  
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William S. Stimpson, Mayor