



## MAYOR'S PROCLAIMS 2018 VICTORIAN FRONT PORCH TOUR



**WHEREAS**, the Victorian Front Porch Christmas Tour originated in 1993 when artist Jan Jones offered to display several of her life-sized Santa Claus figures on the front porches of her Northside Neighborhood's Victorian homes on 9th and 10th Streets in Opelika; and

**WHEREAS**, after the inaugural Christmas exhibit, a few key individuals within the had a vision and watched that vision become a reality in creating this event. The tour has grown to over 60 decorated homes and covers 10 city blocks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Victorian Front Porch Christmas tour has become an expected event and provides an excellent opportunity to showcase one of the most historic areas in Opelika bringing our communities together; and

**WHEREAS**, the Victorian Front Porch Tour takes visitors through the town's Northside Historic District, where families lavishly transform the front porches of their elegant Victorian homes into magical Christmas

**WHEREAS**, the City of Opelika in conjunction with the local North Opelika Neighborhood Association, now takes the lead in maintaining the displays and staging the event each year; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Gary Fuller, Mayor of Opelika, Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me recognize the

### **Victorian Front Porch Christmas Tour**

as part of the North Opelika Neighborhood Association and thank the many volunteers in creating a memorable event that benefits our entire community. Furthermore, the Neighborhood Association is celebrating 25 years of the Victorian Front Porch Tour.

SIGNED on this day, the 6th day of November 2018.