



## MAYLOR PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 27, 2018 NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



**WHEREAS**, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is celebrating its 52nd Anniversary on October 27, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, two-thirds of children living in poverty do not own books and sixty-five percent of fourth grades read at or below basis level; and

**WHEREAS**, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) was founded in 1966 in Washington, DC and is the largest nonprofit literacy organization in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) has distributed more than 412 million books to 40 million children throughout communities nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) programs combine three essential elements to foster children's literacy: reading motivation, family and community involvement and family

distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) continues to address the cycle of illiteracy and today provides an opportunity to recognize this organization for helping to enrich the quality of life of others.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary Fuller, Mayor of the City of Opelika do hereby proclaim October 27, 2018 to be

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in the City of Opelika and urge all citizens to observe this day by connecting with friends, fellow employees and relatives and with religious, school and civic groups to participate in Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) to benefit at-risk young children in this area.

SIGNED on this the 27th day of October 2018.