

THE DAY OF THE JOYFUL CHILD

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Issued by The Honorable Mark Luttrell, Mayor of Shelby County, Tennessee
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WHEREAS, Established in 2013, the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Awareness Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to informing the community about the role of emotional trauma in mental, physical, and behavioral health, and supporting statewide implementation of innovative models for reducing toxic stress in family systems; and

WHEREAS, Decades of empirical evidence have proven a critical, direct link between chronic exposure to traumatic events throughout childhood, known as “adverse childhood experiences” or “ACEs,” and a host of negative outcomes and health conditions in adulthood, from adolescent pregnancy to depression and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown that 52 percent of adults in Shelby County report having experienced at least one ACE, with substance abuse, emotional abuse, and violence between adults in the home being the most prevalent; and

WHEREAS, The ACE Awareness Foundation seeks to educate Greater Memphis about adverse childhood experiences, support families in their efforts to prevent and mitigate ACEs, and change local and state systems to support ACE prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, The ACE Awareness Foundation provides strategic oversight to the ACE Task Force of Shelby County and the Universal Parenting Places, helping hundreds of citizens of Shelby County each year to break the cycle of trauma through free, supportive therapy.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, HEREBY PROCLAIMS JUNE 26TH 2018 AS "THE DAY OF THE JOYFUL CHILD."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor recognizes that the futures of children and families in Shelby County must become a top priority for decision makers by placing ACE research at the center of efforts to prevent negative health and mental health outcomes, child abuse and neglect, and family dysfunction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor encourages all like-minded Shelby County citizens and community leaders to help interrupt the cycle of trauma by supporting trauma-informed parenting programs, mental health programs, early learning initiatives, and other interventions that promote safe, healthy family relationships.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 26th day of June 2018, Shelby County Tennessee.