

Proclamation

*Office of the Mayor
Tuscaloosa, Alabama*



***Whereas:** Storytelling is the conveying of events in words, images, and sounds often by improvisation or embellishment; and*

***Whereas:** Stories or narratives have been shared in every society and in every land as a means of entertainment, education and preservation of culture. Unfortunately, in this modern world of cell phones and instant messaging, storytelling is rapidly becoming a lost art; and*

***Whereas:** On April 3-4, 2009, the University of Alabama's Creative Campus Initiative will host the first Black Warrior Storytelling Festival, a unique event devoted to tradition, culture, and imagination; and*

***Whereas:** The event will include a workshop on how to tell stories with a deeper sense of meaning and connection with the audience as well as host several storytellers and musicians; and*

***Whereas:** The Black Warrior Storytelling Festival will take place at River Road Park and the admission is free.*

Now Therefore, I, Walter Maddox, as Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby encourage citizens of all ages to participate in this unique event devoted to tradition, culture, and imagination.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Corporate Seal of this City to be affixed this the 25th day of March 2009.

Walter Maddox

*Walter Maddox, Mayor
City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama*