



# HUNTSVILLE

Tommy Battle  
Mayor

## CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA PROCLAMATION

### Celebrating the Alabama Women In Jazz Festival

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Women in Jazz program was established in October, 2014, in an effort to feature some of Alabama's best female jazz musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative also honors female jazz stars of days gone by who laid a great foundation for females in jazz today; and

**WHEREAS**, this event to be held September 19, 2015, provides attendees with the opportunity to enjoy a unique music experience and offer support to very talented women in jazz; and

**WHEREAS**, this festival will also inspire younger musicians to reach for the stars; and

**WHEREAS**, festival performances will include JAZZ IN PINK, a dynamic group of super talented females who have played the Monterrey Jazz Festival. The group founder Gail Jhonson is the recipient of two Black Women in Jazz awards, and has been named The First Lady of Smooth Jazz. The Grammy-nod pianist leads the group along with Doreen Ketchens, who is one of the world's greatest living jazz clarinetists; and

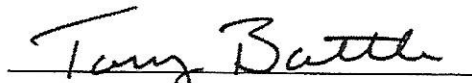
**WHEREAS**, also performing will be extremely talented local musicians including the UAH Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Ken Watters, and Heather Petero, a soulful contemporary and uplifting jazz vocalist.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Tommy Battle, Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, in honor the outstanding contributions women have made to the arts and jazz genre do hereby proclaim September 19, 2015,

### WOMEN IN JAZZ DAY

in Huntsville, Alabama.

**DATED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

  
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The Star of Alabama