



August 30, 2021

North Alabama Zoological Society
4100 Market Street SW – Suite 100
Huntsville, Alabama 35808

Subject: Support of NALZS efforts to create a zoo

To Whom It May Concern,

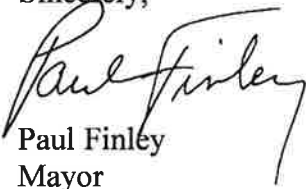
I am writing to express the City of Madison's full support of the North Alabama Zoological Society's efforts to create an Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited combination zoo and aquarium to our area.

Madison is one of the fastest growing cities in North Alabama and was named one of America's Top Places to Grow Up by US News and World Report. Part of the specific criteria for the award was green space and parks along with "events" that children can enjoy each weekend. AZA zoos and aquariums are ideal events which supports these criteria.

During economic times such as these, any chance we have of increasing our ability to offer fun and educational opportunities to families in Madison has the full support of our City. Another benefit is the environmentally sustainable farming area which will provide high quality food for the animals at the zoo. Being able to provide both mental and emotional benefits to citizens of all ages would be exciting for our community.

Again, the City of Madison gives full support and is ready to assist with this project becoming a reality.

Sincerely,



Paul Finley
Mayor