

PROCLAMATION OF "NICU AWARENESS DAY" SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 CITY OF OWENS CROSS ROADS

WHEREAS, half million babies are admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit every year; and,

WHEREAS, families of NICU babies struggle to find resources, support, and education; and,

WHEREAS, funding for research into the causes of a NICU stay as well as the holistic care of NICU families is vital; and,

WHEREAS, NICU Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by NICU to share their story, to honor dedicated health professionals and to meet others and know they are not alone; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of NICU Awareness Month will also provide visibility to research that improves the quality of life for NICU babies and their parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Craig, Mayor of the City of Owens Cross Roads, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2021 as NICU Awareness Day in Owens Cross Roads.

Done this $28^{\frac{1}{2}}$	_day of <u>September</u>	, 2021
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Tony Craig, Mayor o	of the City of Owens Cross Roads, A	Mabama