



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The field of biosafety plays a vital role in protecting public health, scientific research, and the environment by ensuring the safe handling and containment of biological materials in laboratories and research settings; and

WHEREAS, Biosafety professionals work diligently to develop and maintain policies, procedures, and physical containment measures that prevent accidental exposure to harmful biological agents and promote the responsible use of biotechnology; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mobile is proud to be part of Alabama's thriving life sciences ecosystem, home to innovative research institutions, universities, and biotechnology companies that contribute to economic growth and global scientific advancement; and

WHEREAS, ABSA International (the American Biological Safety Association) will hold its 69th Annual Biosafety and Biosecurity Conference in Mobile, Alabama, from October 11-17, 2026, bringing together experts from around the world to share knowledge and strengthen best practices in the field; and

WHEREAS, Through ongoing training, risk assessments, inspections, and education, biosafety professionals uphold rigorous standards that protect against biological risks and enable safe, ethical scientific progress.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spiro N. Cheriogotis, the 109th Mayor of the City of Mobile, do hereby proclaim **October 11-17th, 2026, as Bio-Safety Week in the City of Mobile.** We officially welcome all conventiongoers to the City of Mobile and hope everyone has a productive and fun week in our city!*

*Done at the City of Mobile, Alabama,
this 6th day of October 2026*

*Spiro N. Cheriogotis
The 109th Mayor of the City of Mobile*