



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards such as earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, winter storms or wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the unforeseen nature of earthquakes warrants Alabamians to be continually prepared for such an occurrence; and

WHEREAS, responding adequately to earthquakes and other natural disasters depends on the preparedness level of individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses and government; and

WHEREAS, four zones of frequent earthquake activity affecting Alabama and the southeastern U.S. are the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ), the Southern Appalachian Seismic Zone (SASZ) (including the East Tennessee Seismic Zone), the Bahamas Fracture Seismic Zone (BFSZ), and the South Carolina Seismic Zone (SCSZ), and a major earthquake from one of these could result in great loss of life and property damage in the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency cooperates with other state and federal government agencies, including the Alabama Geological Survey, the Central United States Earthquake Consortium, local emergency officials and others, to prepare Alabamians for natural disasters, including earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2018 at 10:18 a.m., Alabama joins other states in the Great Central United States ShakeOut, a simulated multi-state earthquake drill, designed to strengthen statewide and regional resiliency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2018, as

Great Central U.S. ShakeOut

Day

in the State of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 3rd day of October 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor