



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, in February 1891, a small group of Tuscumbia ladies met to organize the "Saturday Evening Club" for the purpose of social interaction and the pursuit of literary research; and

WHEREAS, in a meeting to discuss the future of their organization in November of 1892, the ladies renamed the club "The Helen Keller Library and Literary Association" and established a library to be named "The Helen Keller Public Library of Tuscumbia" in honor of Tuscumbia's most famous daughter; and

WHEREAS, in 1893, former Governor Robert Burns Lindsay, assisted by Judge Fox Delony, secured a charter for the Helen Keller Library and Literary Association in accordance with the statutes of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Helen Keller Public Library was Alabama's first chartered library and is the state's oldest library of continuous service; and

WHEREAS, in 1897, the "Old Carriage House" also known as the "Old Opera House," was purchased at public auction by the Association for use by the Helen Keller Public Library. The Helen Keller Public Library is now located in a beautiful building on Commons in Tuscumbia, Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2018, as

Helen Keller Public Library

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 6th day of September 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor