



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, more than 7,700 Alabama residents have served approximately 12 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than 24.7 million; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 75,000 citizens across the nation – including more than 500 in Alabama – to give back to our communities, state and country; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members are serving at more than 800 locations throughout Alabama to improve the lives of Alabamians, including schools, family resource centers, health clinics, youth centers, veteran's facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the YWCA's Building Communities, Bettering Lives AmeriCorps Program was launched in Birmingham, AL in 2009, with just five AmeriCorps members, and has since grown to 40 members in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Building Communities, Bettering Lives AmeriCorps members have devoted more than 66,000 hours of service annually; and

WHEREAS, Building Communities, Bettering Lives AmeriCorps members recruited more than 1,600 additional volunteers who served more than 7,500 hours served over 1,700 veterans, veteran family members, military family members, and active duty military members and served over 1,700 economically disadvantage individuals through the provision of housing placement services for the 2017-18 program year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2018, as

Building Communities, Bettering Lives AmeriCorps Day

in the State of Alabama to recognize the Building Communities, and Bettering Lives AmeriCorps program and encourage Alabamians to consider how they can service their communities, state, and country through service and volunteerism.



*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 10th day of October 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor