



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, National Family Literacy Day is observed each year on November 1st, and celebrated across America, focusing on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs. In November, the celebration of National Family Literacy Month brings about a great opportunity for families to get back into the tradition of reading as a family; and

WHEREAS, family literacy describes parents and their children learning together. It underscores the importance of adult literacy by encouraging parents to prioritize their own education, so they can be more involved in their children's learning and literacy development; and

WHEREAS, family literacy programs use a family-focused approach to education, increasing the skills of the parents and the children together. It can describe the way parents, family and community members use literacy at home and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, by the age of 3, children born into low-income families have heard roughly 30 million fewer words than their more affluent peers; and

WHEREAS, children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves. These children are more likely to get poor grades, repeat school years, or even drop out;

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

Family Literacy Month

and

November 1, 2018, as

Family Literacy Day

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to participate in activities and programs involving family literacy.



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 14th day of November 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor