



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1st, 1941 by a group of volunteers led by civilian pilots to support Americas efforts in World War II, through reconnaissance missions near the coastlines to protect cargo ships that, according to U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Marshal, how threaten our entire war effort; and

WHEREAS, many submarines were spotted by "Subchasers" that the military armed these light aircraft with bombs, putting these brave civilians at great risk as they were often flying 100 miles or more from shore, and these Subchasers played an integral role in the defense of American's home front during World War II spotting 143 German Submarines, and attacking 57 while directing shore-based fighting units to their targets; and

WHEREAS, the wartime effort, which included border patrol operations, search and rescue, disaster fire patrol, transportation of personnel and cargo and towing practice for the U.S. military, resulted in the loss of 66 costal patrol members and 150 aircraft by wars end; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Patrol was heralded a success, prompting President Harry Truman to sign Public Law 476 in 1946, which chartered CAP as a benevolent, nonprofit organization, and in 1948 the Congress of the United States passed Public Law 557, permanently establishing CAP as the auxiliary of the United States Air Force with the primary missions of emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol has established itself among the nation's search and rescue elite, participating in up to 85 percent of the Air Force's Inland Search and Rescue missions, with more than 8,000 aircrew members and 30,000 emergency responders trained to Federal Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security Standards with a contribution value of 177 million in man hours in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol's youth program includes over 26,000 cadets who benefit from emergency service and leadership training, and opportunities for flight and pilot training and the agency reaches school-age children with a comprehensive selection of academic and aviation programs that focus on aeronautical and aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol in December 2018, celebrated 78 years of performing these 'Missions For America' and the State of Alabama is proud to honor and recognize the men, women, and Alabama youngsters serving as 'Cadets' who have served and those who continue to serve their fellow citizens through Civil Air Patrol, a noble and patriotic organization; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Wing Headquarters Civil Air Patrol is located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 1st through the 7th as

Civil Air Patrol Week

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 28th day of March 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor