



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the term "Gold Star" began during World War I when American families displayed flags in homes, businesses, schools and churches with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service; and*

*WHEREAS, the nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter or other loved one dies in active service to the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, less than one percent of our nation serves in the military, and we have an obligation to acknowledge the losses of our service men and women and ensure their families are not forgotten; and*

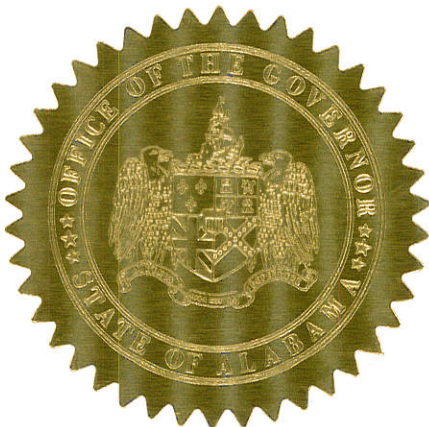
*WHEREAS, during the month of May, we honor those who lost a family member while in active service in the United States Armed Forces; and*

*WHEREAS, during this month, we remember our commitment to all Gold Star Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite their tragic loss;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2019, as*

# *Gold Star Families Awareness Month*

*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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*