



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, in January 1944, the United States War Refugee Board asked Sweden to send a representative to Hungary to organize rescue operations for the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, Raoul Wallenberg, with extraordinary courage, managed to save the lives of tens of thousands of men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, Raoul Wallenberg risked his own life countless times during his work, dragging Jews from trains bound for gas chambers, bringing food and blankets to those on death marches, creating Swedish Safe Houses and unflinchingly challenging Nazi authorities; and

WHEREAS, Raoul Wallenberg has become a symbol of each human being's concern for every fellow human being, an example to be followed, and an inspiration to uncover and fight for justice and understanding; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2014, Raoul Wallenberg was presented with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award; and

WHEREAS, before being awarded with the Congressional Gold Medal, the President of the United States signed into law a proclamation on October 5, 1981 to make Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of the United States, becoming the second person in history awarded this honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2019, as

Raoul Wallenberg 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 8th day of August 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor