



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, since 1908, natural disasters have cost the country more than 1 trillion dollars; and*

*WHEREAS, disasters affect the local and state economies in lost productivity, lost revenue, increased clean up expense and increased disaster recovery times; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama leads the nation in building and mitigating the most wind resilient homes, with more than 11,500 Institute for Business and Home Safety, fortified-designated homes; and*

*WHEREAS, hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. Every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation provides Alabama with \$6 in future benefit; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama Emergency Management Agency mission is to support our citizens, strengthen our communities and build a culture of preparedness through a comprehensive Emergency Management (EM) program; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama is narrowing the path of destruction through the Department of Insurance Strengthen Alabama Homes program, which provides a \$10,000 grant to qualifying homeowners for pre-disaster mitigation; and*

*WHEREAS, state resources working in collaboration with federal partners FEMA and NFIP is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction and repeated damage; and*

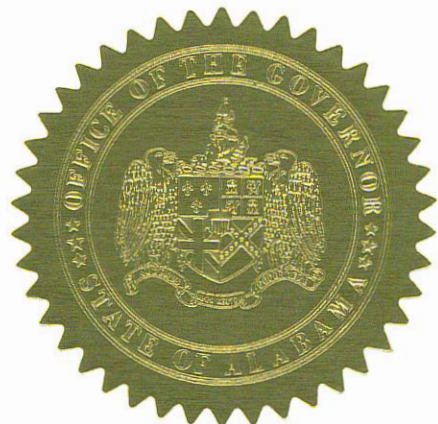
*WHEREAS, September is recognized as National Preparedness Month. In conjunction with National Preparedness Month, EMA brings awareness to resiliency in our homes; and*

*WHEREAS, I encourage Alabama communities to build resiliently and develop long-range mitigation strategies for protecting people and property from future hazard events;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as*

# Resiliency 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor