



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, state law requires drivers approaching a stationary emergency vehicle, recovery vehicle or repair vehicle, including tow trucks, to slow down and vacate the lane closest to the stopped vehicle if able; and

WHEREAS, if unable able to move over for stationary vehicles, drivers are required to slow down and be prepared to stop; and

WHEREAS, despite being passed in all 50 states, 71 percent of Americans are unaware of Slow Down, Move Over laws that require drivers to reduce their speed and switch lanes to protect the workers, officers and first responders of these stationary vehicles; and

WHEREAS, currently, one tow truck driver is lost every six days due to noncompliance with Slow Down, Move Over laws, and hundreds more are injured while tending to road emergencies, and

WHEREAS, on average, the numbers of tow truck drivers lost are greater than loses from other responders tending to roadside emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the high rates of deaths and injuries are due to distracted drivers and motorists not adhering to the Slow Down, Move Over Law;

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

Slow Down, Move Over 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 1st day of August 2019.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor

