



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the United States is recognized as the global leader in aerospace safety, efficiency, and innovation; and*

*WHEREAS, the aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce to maintain this exemplary level of quality; and*

*WHEREAS, local leaders in government and in the community recognize the importance of the aerospace industry to the economic prosperity, national security, and citizen safety of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, women have been involved in aviation since its earliest days, from E. Lillian Todd, who designed and built aircraft in 1906, to Harriet Quimby who, in 1911 became the first woman to earn a pilot certificate and cross the English Channel, to Helen Richey, who became the first woman pilot for a U.S. commercial airline in 1934, to Astronaut Dr. Sally Ride who, in 1983, was the first American woman in space, to Jeana Yeager who copiloted the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world in 1986, to Astronaut Eileen Collins, who became the first female Space Shuttle Pilot in 1997 and first female Space Shuttle Commander in 1999; and*

*WHEREAS, during the last two decades, although the number of women involved in the aviation industry has steadily increased, only 16 percent of people working in the aircraft, spacecraft, and manufacturing industry are female; and*

*WHEREAS, it is agreed that the path to increasing participation is through a collaborative effort by government, industry, and dedicated organizations and individuals designed to inspire girls to pursue aerospace-based goals, prepare female students through quality aerospace STEM curriculum and expose girls to positive female role models; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2019, as*

# Girls in Aviation 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*