Proclamation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the people of Alabama recognize the importance of developing citizens of character to propagate our democratic institutions and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Alabama became the second state in the Union to adopt a modern character education mandate (Act 95-313), which requires the teaching and promoting of character principles each day to make public schools safer; and

WHEREAS, Alabama character education mandate improves school climates by fostering respectful and responsible behavior; and

WHEREAS, Alabama schools and schools across the country have seen that Character Education programs work to help make a better school culture, resulting in reduced disciplinary incidents, improved job retention and satisfaction amongst teachers, and increased academic achievement for their students.

WHEREAS, over the last two decades, the Alabama Legislature has continued its support of this vital programming through a series of resolutions (in 2000, 2005, 2008, 2014 and 2018) that continue to receive overwhelming support from both political parties; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Governors and other constitutional officers have continued to sign currently approved "Alabama, A State of Character" commitments; and

WHEREAS, the fourth annual Alabama Character Day is honoring the Alabama Bi-Centennial, promoting the legally approved Alabama character commitments and focusing on the importance of the Alabama Humanities Foundation’s annual Alabama History Day Competition’s Alabama Character Awards; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is observing the fourth annual Alabama Character Day that is sponsored by the Interstate Character Council, Inc., in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Archives and History on November 19, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2019, as Character 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 19th day of November 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor