



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

*Kay Ivey*

Kay Ivey, Governor