



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is committed to pursuing public policies that strengthen the family and offer the greatest possible choice in education for the children in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes the tremendous value and importance of parental involvement in the education of every school aged child; and

WHEREAS, since 1925, the Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized the fundamental constitutional rights of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children; and

WHEREAS, Section 16-1-11.1 of Alabama Code expressly recognizes that a parent or guardian has the right to choose the type of K-12 education that is best for his or her child, including home-based education; and

WHEREAS, children at home in Alabama and across America have consistently demonstrated the excellence of this model of education by attaining median score well above the average on academic achievement tests; and

WHEREAS, home education provides children with an ideal opportunity to receive a strong academic education coupled with a broad range of opportunities for healthy socialization in a safe and secure environment; and

WHEREAS, home education provides parents with the opportunity to cultivate and influence the faith and moral values of their children; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Alabama recognizes and celebrates the contributions of homeschooling families, parents, and children alike, to the quality of education found in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2019, as

Home Education 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 14th day of November 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor