



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, authenticated information has reached this office regarding the death of James Eric Cates in Walker County, Alabama;

**WHEREAS**, reports indicate that the remains of James Eric Cates and his dog were discovered on March 21, 2015 inside a burned vehicle at 880 Wingo Road in the Empire Community;

**WHEREAS**, it appears the perpetrator of this crime is unknown and the circumstances surrounding this event indicate that every effort should be made to apprehend and convict the responsible person(s).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kay Ivey, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Alabama under §15-9-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, do hereby issue this proclamation, offering a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s), provided there has been no arrest of same at the time of issuance of this proclamation, and entitlement to this reward shall include only private citizens and shall not include members or employees of any government law enforcement agency or their relatives

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 18th day of October, 2017.



*Kay Ivey*

Kay Ivey  
Governor

Attested

*J. H. Merrill*  
John H. Merrill  
Secretary of State