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
Governor

Attested

John H. Merrill
Secretary of State