



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Montgomery Area Food Bank has for 34 years successfully connected Alabamians, food and community cohesive resources to create a framework of philanthropic, logistic and educational programs which provide a safety net of improved food security for individuals, families and communities throughout Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, Montgomery Area Food Banks varied outreach programs and strategic partnerships - orchestrated by a streamlined staff of 30 professionals and a daily average of 10-15 unpaid volunteers - coordinate an annual distribution of more than 27.9 million pounds of vital nourishment to a growing number of Alabama's food insecure families, children and the elderly - all at no charge to those receiving assistance; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2010 Montgomery Area Food Bank - already the largest distributing food bank in Alabama, responded immediately to a Feeding America request to add 10 under-served, poverty-stricken counties, which created its current 24, 921 square foot expansive service area which literally crisscrosses the entire State of Alabama from Georgia to Mississippi and encompasses 35 of Alabama's 67 counties; and*

*WHEREAS, Montgomery Area Food Banks mission not only addresses the immediate needs of food insecure Alabamians, but simultaneously advocates, educates and promotes access to supportive and informative resources to increase awareness, self-sufficiency and ultimately the elimination of hunger through the active development of strategic partnerships with Feeding America, local community and state agencies throughout the State of Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, after continually expanding the scope of its mission and taking possession of a building which will allow it to expand its capabilities, Montgomery Area Food Bank stands ready to conduct a Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting and embark upon renewed, energetic operations in its efforts to Feed Hope Across Alabama;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2020, as*

# Montgomery Area Food Bank 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor