



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) was established as an autonomous campus of the University of Alabama System in 1969 and has, over five decades, forged ahead in all areas of its mission and earned global renown, currently ranking as the Top Young University in the U.S. for a second consecutive year (and 12th globally) in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings; and*

*WHEREAS, UAB is expanding educational opportunity with four consecutive years of record enrollment (with 21 percent of undergraduates being first-generation) and developing novel, interdisciplinary academic programs, with 14 graduate programs ranked in the nation's top 25 by U.S. News & World Report; and*

*WHEREAS, UAB is vastly improving health and quality of life statewide by securing record research awards of \$527 million and ranking eighth among public universities (top 2 percent) in National Institutes of Health funding, treating a record 1.7 million patients in FY18, and advancing precision medicine; and*

*WHEREAS, as our state's largest single employer, is helping grow a robust knowledge-based economy by commercializing research discoveries and generating an annual economic impact exceeding \$7.1 billion;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the year 2019,*  
as

# UAB's 50th Anniversary Year

*in the state of Alabama and encourage all Alabamians to join in celebrating UAB and its role in improving education, health and economic development, and in forging an even brighter future for our state.*



*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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor