



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, February 3, 2019, will mark the seventy-sixth anniversary of the sinking of the troop ship, the U.S. Army Dorchester, which carried to their deaths four Chaplains of three faiths who stood united in prayer as the ship went down; and

WHEREAS, these four Chaplains, Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish gave their own life-jackets to four soldiers and thus sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting at a time when the freedom of the world is imperiled that the Governor of Alabama should give special recognition to the memory of those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the heroic deed of the four Chaplains and their combined act of supreme devotion and sacrifice for American liberty and human freedom will be an inspiring and ever-shining example of real brotherhood for all time to the people of the world; and

WHEREAS, we must all see to it that their supreme sacrifice to the cause of human freedom and justice for all shall not have been made in vain;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby designate February 2, 2020, to be observed as

Four Chaplains Sunday

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 3rd day of January 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor