



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, the citizens of the state of Alabama have suffered significant effects from severe weather during the primary and secondary severe weather seasons because of storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding; and

*WHEREAS*, during April 27, 2011 more than 250 deaths occurred during a supercell tornado outbreak that spun 62 tornados across the state and caused thousands of injuries and destroyed thousands of homes; and

*WHEREAS*, according to the national weather service, Alabama ranks number one in the nation in average annual tornado fatalities; and

*WHEREAS*, increased public awareness and public education regarding severe weather preparedness can substantially decrease the number of lives lost from deadly storms, which can occur any time of the year; and

*WHEREAS*, our citizens are our state's greatest resource, historical data shows that building codes, insurance and available emergency funds protect our people, build more resilient communities, position Alabamians to prepare, mitigate, respond and recover more favorably when disasters strike; and

*WHEREAS*, the National Weather Service, Alabama Emergency Management Agency and local Emergency Management Agencies encourage Alabamians to take this opportunity to develop a disaster plan, build an emergency kit, create an emergency communication plan and practice with family members to ensure all know what to do and where to go before, during and after a storm;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 16 through February 21, 2020, as

# Severe Weather Awareness Week

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor