WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I declared the existence of a state public health emergency based on the appearance of the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 in the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS that initial proclamation included provisions designed to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and in mitigating the consequences of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 20, 23, and 26, April 2, 3, and 13, and May 8 of 2020, I issued supplemental proclamations to further address the occurrence of COVID-19 in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS new implications of COVID-19 come to light on a continual basis, requiring flexibility and adaptability by all levels of government within the State of Alabama;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-1, et seq., do hereby proclaim the existence of conditions that warrant implementation of additional extraordinary measures and relief during the state public health emergency now in effect in order to guard public health and protect human life. I therefore proclaim and direct all of the following:

I. Protection Against Evictions

Because the “Stay At Home” Order issued by the State Health Officer on April 3, 2020, ordered people to remain at their place of residence, I issued a supplemental emergency proclamation on April 3, 2020, that provided protection from residential evictions and foreclosures. Specifically, Section I of that proclamation prohibited state, county, and local law enforcement officers from enforcing “any order that would result in the displacement of a person from his or her place of residence.”

On May 8, 2020, I amended my April 3, 2020, proclamation to allow residential evictions and foreclosures where tenants or homeowners were breaking the law or endangering their neighbors. Specifically, I limited the protection against evictions and foreclosures to those “related to the nonpayment of [a person’s] lease, mortgage, or other payment obligation.”

I now find that the State Health Officer’s current “Safer At Home” order allows the citizens of Alabama to return to work and therefore earn income to satisfy their rental and mortgage payment obligations. Accordingly, the protections against eviction found in Section I of my April 3, 2020, proclamation and Section III of my May 8, 2020, proclamation will expire at 12:00 a.m. on June 1, 2020.

FURTHER, to the extent a provision in this supplemental proclamation conflicts with any provision of state law, that law is hereby suspended for the duration of this state of emergency, and this proclamation shall control.
FURTHER, I declare that this proclamation and all subsequent orders, laws, rules, or regulations issued pursuant hereto shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the public health emergency unless rescinded or extended by proclamation.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 21st day of May, 2020.

Kay Ivey  
Governor

ATTEST:

John H. Merrill  
Secretary of State