



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the United States isolation from World War II ended on December 7, 1941, when the Empire of Japan executed a surprise attack on American military installations in the Pacific; and*

*WHEREAS, on December 11, 1941, Germany and Italy, in solidarity with Japan, declared war on the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, over the course of the next four years, the United States fought vigilantly on two distant and very different fronts, Europe and the Pacific; and*

*WHEREAS, in March of 1941, the United States and Great Britain embarked upon what would be known as the "Europe First" strategy, which asserted that the two countries would concentrate their resources in order to defeat Nazi Germany in Europe first; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1943, the United States, along with Great Britain and other Allied forces, participated in the invasion of Sicily and Italy, marking the first major European theater operation in which the United States deployed a substantial contingent of troops on the ground; and*

*WHEREAS, from 1943 to 1945, the United States played a pivotal role in many of the largest and most important battles of the War in Europe, such as the invasion of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge and the eventual Allied invasion of Germany on March 22, 1945; and*

*WHEREAS, on May 7, 1945, Nazi Germany unconditionally surrendered to Allied forces, thus ending World War II in Europe;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2020, as*

# Victory in Europe 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor