



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, April is the month in which the war between the states began; and*

*WHEREAS, the history of this conflict is a significant part of Alabama's history; and*

*WHEREAS, high among the burdens of any community is the burden of armed conflicts; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabamians have admirably answered the grim call to duty when beckoned, from the era of musket to that of the missile; and*

*WHEREAS, conflict gave birth to the Confederate States of America in the city of Montgomery; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabamians heeded the call to action with dignity, both at home and on the battlefield; and*

*WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of the war, many of these same leaders and citizens worked tirelessly to reunite and rebuild the country and forge reconciliation; and*

*WHEREAS, the knowledge of the role of the Confederate States of America in the history of our state is vital to understanding who we are; and*

*WHEREAS, we honor our past and draw from the courage, strength and wisdom to reconcile ourselves and go forward into the future together as Alabamians and Americans;*

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

# *Confederate History and Heritage Month*

*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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*