



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was founded by World War I veterans on September 25, 1920, and was chartered by an act of congress on June 17, 1932; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2020, DAV celebrates 100 years of serving veterans of the Armed Forces, their families and survivors, and communities; and*

*WHEREAS, DAV is dedicated to a single purpose; empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity; and*

*WHEREAS, DAV accomplishes this by ensuring veterans and their families have access to the full range of benefits available to them, by fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes, and by educating the public about the needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life; and*

*WHEREAS, DAV provides free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies; and*

*WHEREAS, DAV also provides outreach concerning its programs and services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically; and*

*WHEREAS, DAV represents the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before the federal government, as well as state and local governments; and*

*WHEREAS, DAV has fought tirelessly for equal access to critical VA caregiver benefits and services for severely disabled veterans of all generations, resulting in legislation to expand eligibility to those injured prior to September 11, 2001, as part of the VA MISSION Act; and*

*WHEREAS, DAV Department of Alabama and the 32 chapters across our state demonstrate their unending commitment to ill and injured veterans of all generations and conflicts;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as*

# Disabled American Veterans 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor