



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, America's problems with violence within our society have escalated during the last decade, affecting families in every walk of life and threatening our national security and the safety of children, adults, seniors and families; and

WHEREAS, it is in our nation's best interest to increase knowledge and training about conflict resolution, mental health, parenting skills, de-escalation and non-violence, and to make resources available to youth and adults to contribute to "Changing the Culture of Violence in America"; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Lewis, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Ghandi and President Nelson Mandela demonstrated leadership in non-violence and called for peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create fair and just societies; and

WHEREAS, Black Women for Positive Change (BW4PC), a national civic, volunteer organization is calling for a "2020 Week of Health Empowerment, Non-Violence and Opportunities"; and

WHEREAS, all Alabamians are encouraged to organize community-based events that teach non-violence, conflict resolution, de-escalation and better parenting that can lead to violence prevention while also being mindful of the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 10-18, 2020, as

Global Week of Non-Violence

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 11th day of September 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor