TO: All State Agencies  
FROM: Governor Kay Ivey  
DATE: March 12, 2021  
RE: Flags Lowered to Honor the 10,000 Alabamians Lost to COVID-19

My fellow Alabamians, I am directing flags to be displayed at half-staff on Saturday, March 13, 2021, to honor and remember the more than 10,000 Alabamians who lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the one-year anniversary of the first confirmed COVID-19 case in Alabama, I find it most appropriate that our state pauses to pay our respects to the thousands of lives lost to this horrible virus. Over the course of the last year, Alabama, along with the rest of the nation and world, has been tested in ways we could have never imagined. Despite these unprecedented times, Alabamians have persevered together and are now edging closer to brighter days.

As we honor those we lost this past year, we lift up grieving loved ones in prayer, as well as those that are battling COVID-19 and the amazing folks that continue to fight on the frontlines.

The flags should remain lowered at half-staff until sunset on Saturday, March 13, 2021.

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