



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, on April 27, 2011, a series of long track tornadoes ripped through the state of Alabama in three waves across 35 of our 67 counties; and*

*WHEREAS, in total, there were 29 confirmed tornadoes in central Alabama and an additional 33 in other parts of the state; and*

*WHEREAS, these 62 tornadoes varied in power on the Enhanced Fujita Scale from an EF-0 to EF-5 and caused severe damage to countless homes, businesses and churches; and*

*WHEREAS, during the "Super Outbreak", 254 Alabamians lost their lives and another 2,219 were injured; and*

*WHEREAS, in the days and months following the storm, the state of Alabama's resolve was revealed, with Alabamians from all corners of the state stepping up to help their neighbors rebuild their lives and their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, Serve Alabama partnered with the United Ways of Alabama and coordinated more than 52,000 volunteers in the field for a total of 325,095 volunteer hours; and*

*WHEREAS, in the ten years that have passed since this tragedy, Alabama has made great strides in finding ways to keep its citizens safe from natural disasters and expedite the recovery process; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2011, the Governor's Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) was established and has since played a vital role in funding community safe rooms and upgrading our emergency warning systems to alert citizens to dangerous weather; and*

*WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 27, 2021, will mark the tenth anniversary of this unprecedented natural disaster that devastated the state of Alabama;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2021, as a*

# Day of Remembrance

*for the tenth anniversary of this horrible event that has impacted the state of Alabama forever. I encourage all citizens to reflect upon the memory of those who were lost throughout the communities across our state.*



*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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2021.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*