



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Rule of Law is a fundamental concept undergirding justice, freedom, and representative government; and

WHEREAS, the Rule of Law has been a guiding ideal of constitutional government that can be traced through history from various systems of law, through the Magna Carta and the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the principle that voluntary adherence to the rule of law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Rule of Law rests upon the concept that no person is so important as to be above the law and conversely no person is so insignificant to be beneath the law; and

WHEREAS, the principle that no person is above the law means that there must be limits on government and that government officials must be held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the separation of powers among branches of the government are essential to preserving the Rule of Law; and

WHEREAS, an independent judiciary is essential to a free society and administration of laws; and

WHEREAS, a viable democracy requires understanding of the nature and basis of our freedoms and recognition of the individual responsibilities which those freedoms impose; and

WHEREAS, the Rule of Law requires an educated citizenry that understands law and demonstrates engaged citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2021 is Advancing the Rule of Law Now, encouraging all of us to fulfill our responsibilities to protect our democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2021, as

Law 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 22nd day of April 2021.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor