



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Family Meals Month is a national effort to encourage families to pledge to share more meals at home per week; and

WHEREAS, family meals are fun, affordable and healthier than other dining options; and

WHEREAS, 92 percent of U.S. consumers say they want to eat healthier meals, yet only 30 percent of American families share dinner every night; and

WHEREAS, conversations around dinner tables establish closer relationships and increase parental involvement; and

WHEREAS, regular family meals are linked to kids earning higher grades, improving self-esteem and resisting negative peer pressure; and

WHEREAS, with each additional family meal shared each week, adolescents are less likely to show symptoms of violence, depression and suicide, less likely to use or abuse drugs or run away and less likely to engage in risky behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who grow up sharing family meals are more likely to exhibit prosocial behavior as adults, such as sharing, fairness and respect; and

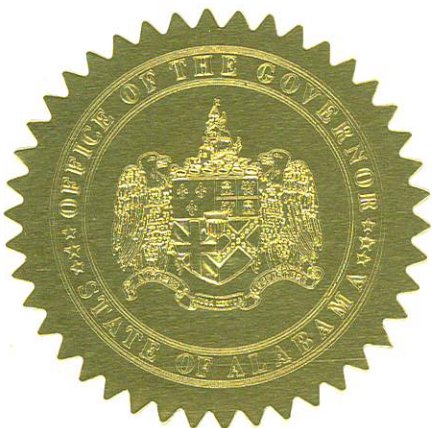
WHEREAS, kids and teens who share meals with their family three or more times per week are significantly less likely to be overweight, more likely to eat healthy foods and less likely to have eating disorders; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of supermarkets offer fresh, prepared foods, 95 percent offer cooking demos, 86 percent offer cooking classes, and 100 percent offer recipes and meal ideas;

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

Family Meals Month

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 1st day of September 2021.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor