



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's school nutrition professionals, farmers and farm workers are recognized as heroes and celebrated for their leadership to ensure the students of Alabama are fed, even in times of emergency; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's schools significantly impact the nutrition students receive and their development of healthy eating habits; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama is home to many vibrant, small and mid-sized family farms that supply local schools and markets; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama does best when state agencies and community partners collaborate to achieve common goals and lift up children and families; and*

*WHEREAS, Farm to School enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools; and*

*WHEREAS, Farm to School supports students' access to healthy, local foods and educational opportunities, including school gardens, cooking lessons and farm field trips; and*

*WHEREAS, Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed food choices and strengthens the local economy, which contributes to vibrant communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the state of Alabama supports our local heroes and celebrates National Farm to School Month in October;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021, as*

# *Farm to School 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2021.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*