



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, agriculture and forestry in Alabama have traditionally been, and remain so into the present day, the state's most valuable industries, sustaining an annual economic impact of more than \$70 billion; and

WHEREAS, the state is able to count 40,592 farms covering 8.6 million acres with an additional 23 million acres of highly productive forestland, the third most in the contiguous U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Alabama farmers use efficient, high-tech and sustainable farming systems to produce diverse commodities including beef cattle, poultry, catfish, cotton, soybeans, corn, peanuts, wheat, sod, fruits, vegetables and flowers, among others; and

WHEREAS, the state's highly sustainable timber resource supports one of the nation's largest and most robust forest product industries, including top five rankings among all states in lumber, paper and pulp production; and

WHEREAS, the family farmers and forest landowners of Alabama are dedicated to being good stewards of the land to which they have been entrusted by practicing sustainable and efficient farming practices while bringing products to market; and

WHEREAS, the Down to Earth campaign is designed to be a voice to promote the sustainable, conservation-minded practices implemented by Alabama's farm and forest owners; and

WHEREAS, the Down to Earth campaign will highlight the agriculture and forestry industries' sustainable farming practices in the topic areas of carbon emissions, animal and plant efficiency, data and technology, conserving natural resources, smart land use and sustaining our land for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2022, as

Down To Earth 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 14th day of March 2022.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor