Proclamation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the 71st observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022, with the theme "Exalt The Lord, Who Has Established Us" based on Colossians 2: 6-7, "as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude"; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the president of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, we, like President Truman on the first National Day of Prayer, "beseach God to grant us wisdom to know the course which we should follow, and strength and patience to pursue that course steadfastly" throughout our state, nation and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2022, as

National Day of Prayer

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, Governor