



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the annual presentation by the Alabama Civic Chorale of G.F. Handel's masterpiece, "Messiah," began in 1948 when Mr. Earl Clark of Bessemer, Alabama was the director of the adult and youth choirs and selected singers at South Highland Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the co-founder, Frances Clark, invited her choirs at McAdory High School, as well as other voices to join, and the choir grew to more than 60 voices. Because of the growth of the group, it continued to be a place where all interested singers, throughout the state of Alabama, could be involved; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the group relocated to a centrally located area, Riverchase United Methodist Church in Hoover, so all visitors from across the state would feel welcome; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Civic Chorale has the longest running tradition in Alabama and one of the longest in the nation, bringing people together from throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, November 20, 2022 will mark the Alabama Civic Chorale's 75th performance with orchestra, soloists and the organ; and

WHEREAS, these performances are of such renown that people in the audience travel from across the nation to partake in this magnificent work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2022, as

Alabama Civic Chorale 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 8th day of August 2022.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor