



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 on the campus of Howard University and is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community; and

*WHEREAS*, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia L. Fudge is the 21<sup>st</sup> National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where the chapters support HUD's mission to create quality affordable homes for all; and

*WHEREAS*, after a review of the National Association of Realtors® (NAR) 2022 Snapshot of Race and Home Buying in America report, which examines current racial disparities in the housing market, Secretary Marcia L. Fudge stated that black homeownership remains lower than a decade ago, despite the U.S. homeownership rate experiencing its largest annual increase; and

*WHEREAS*, several proactive steps have been taken, along with strategic partnerships that have been formed, to help families make more informed housing choices; and

*WHEREAS*, these chapters in the impact area of Montgomery and surrounding communities will continue collaboratively conducting activities that fulfill the mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., by initiating the Home Ownership Means Economic Success (H.O.M.E.S.) campaign to generate funds to positively impact the lives of aspiring homeowners in the tri-county service area of Autauga, Elmore and Montgomery counties; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 22, 2022, as

# H.O.M.E.S. 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor