



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes the great need to promote mediation as a means for litigants to resolve their cases by agreement rather than requiring the court's resources for a resolution; and*

*WHEREAS, alternative dispute resolution procedures have been implemented in the Alabama court system to further the goal of increasing the number of Alabama litigants reaching tailored resolutions to disputes in an expedient manner; and*

*WHEREAS, community-based, small claims and pro bono mediation programs have developed in Alabama to fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood, community and small claims conflicts; and*

*WHEREAS, state agencies have incorporated the use of mediation to help disputants resolve their differences; and*

*WHEREAS, mediation programs have been promoted by the Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution, the dispute resolution section of the Alabama State Bar and the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution; and*

*WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has declared the week of October 17 through October 21, 2022, Mediation Week;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 17 through October 21, 2022, as*

# Mediation Week

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022.*

*Kay Ivey*

Kay Ivey, Governor