



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the economic and aesthetic welfare of the people of Alabama are largely dependent on the trees and forest lands of the state; and*

*WHEREAS, everyone in Alabama benefits either directly or indirectly from trees and forest lands; and*

*WHEREAS, trees provide jobs, products, habitat for wildlife and recreational opportunities; and*

*WHEREAS, trees provide oxygen, help purify the air, play an important role in the water cycle, help neutralize waste water and stabilize the soil; and*

*WHEREAS, trees are an invaluable physical and psychological addition to Alabama, provide shade, cool the air and reduce noise levels and glare; and*

*WHEREAS, trees are an economic asset to Alabama, attract tourism, increase property values and enhance shopping patterns; and*

*WHEREAS, well-maintained trees benefit present and future generations;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 19 through February 25, 2023, as*

# Arbor Week

*in the state of Alabama and encourage each citizen to participate in tree planting activities during this week.*



*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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor