



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the city of Guntersville is one of the oldest settlements in Alabama, dating to its beginning in 1785 when John Gunter was allowed to live there among the Cherokees. In 1818, Edward Gunter began running a ferry and the area became known as Gunter's Ferry and Gunter's Landing; and*

*WHEREAS, Louis Wyeth came to Guntersville in 1836 and was instrumental in helping build Guntersville into a thriving city by donating land and establishing the county seat at Gunter's Landing; and*

*WHEREAS, through Wyeth's efforts of continued growth, the city was incorporated by the Alabama Legislature on February 3, 1848 as the city of Guntersville. Soon after, Guntersville became a busy port town for boats traveling along the Tennessee River; and*

*WHEREAS, following the almost complete destruction of Guntersville on January 5, 1865, the town rebounded and doubled its population by 1890 and moved into the twentieth century as the gem of Marshall County; and*

*WHEREAS, after the completion of the Guntersville Dam by the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1939, the reservoir filled surrounding the town and making it a peninsula. Guntersville Lake, the biggest lake in Alabama, is comprised of 69,100 acres and is located at the southernmost point of the Tennessee river; and*

*WHEREAS, Guntersville Lake is a major tourist attraction for recreation, fishing, wildlife and eagle watching; and*

*WHEREAS, the city of Guntersville will celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 21, 2023;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2023, as*

# City of Guntersville 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*