



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center has contributed numerous advancements to the world in science, technology and rocket propulsion over the past six decades, including taking Americans to the moon; and

WHEREAS, Marshall is responsible for generating \$8.3 billion in economic impact, while establishing more than 41,000 jobs across Alabama. Marshall serves as a major economic development asset and technology magnet for Alabama and the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Marshall brings additional benefits to the state through continued advanced discoveries, STEM outreach, strengthening national security, deepening partnerships across the country and around the world and inspiring a new generation of scientists, engineers and explorers; and

WHEREAS, Marshall is developing robust missions to expand understanding of our planet, solar system and the universe through its strong legacy of accomplishments such as the Space Launch System, the International Space Station, Hubble Space Telescope, James Webb Telescope, Chandra X-ray Observatory and Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer Mission; and

WHEREAS, NASA Astronauts Clifton Williams, Henry Hartsfield, Kathy Thornton, James Voss, Mae Jemison, Jan Davis and Kathryn Hire, all from Alabama, have spent over 320 days in space through 18 flights of the Marshall-managed Space Shuttle Program; and

WHEREAS, Alabamians are exceedingly proud of the distinguished achievements of Marshall Space Flight Center and the advances in space exploration, technology and science it has produced to the benefit of all humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2023, as

Space 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 11th day of April 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor