



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, municipal government in Alabama represents the government closest to the people; and*

*WHEREAS, municipal government makes important decisions affecting the lives of all Alabamians which includes providing essential services such as police and fire protection, garbage collection, infrastructure installation and maintenance and utility services, all while also providing numerous recreational and economic development opportunities; and*

*WHEREAS, being closest to the people, municipal government is the ultimate expression of grassroots democracy. Yet, many Alabamians do not have an understanding and appreciation of the important role local government plays in providing a higher quality of life in their daily lives; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alabama League of Municipalities was established on May 15, 1935, as a nonpartisan membership association to serve as the voice of Alabama's municipalities, representing its members in front of the Alabama Legislature, in Congress and with numerous administrative agencies; and*

*WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 60 percent of Alabamians live in municipalities, with many more people working in them; and*

*WHEREAS, there are currently 464 incorporated municipalities in Alabama with a broad diversity of populations. While most are small, Alabama also has several strong urban centers; and*

*WHEREAS, four cities have populations greater than 185,000 and 59 have a population greater than 12,000. There are 405 municipalities with a population less than 12,000 while 134 of them have less than 500;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 7 through May 13, 2023, as*

# *Municipal Government 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*