



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and boundless admiration that Alabamians honor the untold number of men and women of the United States Armed Forces, Reserves and National Guard, who have stepped forward throughout American history so that we can live in freedom; and

WHEREAS, the 248th anniversary of the firing of "the shot heard 'round the world," April 19, 2023, commemorates the beginning of when America's first military heroes made the ultimate sacrifice for liberty; and

WHEREAS, throughout worldwide conflicts at lonely outposts to the fateful day at Concord Bridge to taking the beaches at Normandy to defending the American shoreline to enduring the bitter winters of Korea to trudging through the steamy jungles of Vietnam to fighting in the War On Terrorism in the sandy deserts of Afghanistan or Iraq to sailing the high seas in a war vessel to taking flight in a war plane, the military servicemen and women of the United States Armed Forces have always performed their duty with honor, courage, bravery and distinction; and

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces can always be depended upon to carry the banner of freedom and democracy, and we must not forget the families and loved ones who also sacrifice for our liberty; and

WHEREAS, the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Commission, the South Alabama Veterans Council and the city of Mobile, in cooperation with the founding and participating organizations of the Blue Star Salute Foundation, The American Legion, Alabama Societies of Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Wives, Disabled American Veterans and many other supporting groups and organizations, wish to further recognize our veterans and military service members; and

WHEREAS, the 18th annual Blue Star Salute Day for the state of Alabama at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park will be held to demonstrate Alabamians' commitment to fostering and rendering full honor and respect to our nation's guardians of freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2023, as

Blue Star Salute 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 10th day of May 2023.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor