



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, each year, Alabama faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage or total destruction to private property and homes; and*

*WHEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs; and*

*WHEREAS, predatory practices by nefarious contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and*

*WHEREAS, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Alabamians to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Alabama, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators and state officials, are committed to educating Alabamians about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and*

*WHEREAS, the citizens of Alabama are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the third annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 22 through May 26, 2023, as*

# Contractor Fraud Awareness 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 May 11, 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor