



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established a Continental Army to secure the common defense of the original 13 colonies during the War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, during World War I, in addition to providing 5,000 National Guardsmen and 7,000 other volunteers, Alabama contributed approximately 74,000 draftees, called "selectmen," to the Army; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, approximately 300,000 Alabama men donned service uniforms during the war, and tens of thousands of servicemen trained in the state. Many women volunteered for one of the military auxiliaries, such as the Women's Army Corps or the Army Nurse Corps; and

WHEREAS, Fort Novosel and Army Aviation trace their origins back to the early months of World War II. This mobilization called for the creation of new training camps and military bases, including Camp Rucker; and

WHEREAS, On October 14, 1941, the installation, Anniston Ordnance Depot, was officially designated in accordance with War Department General Order No. 11. In August 1962, the name was changed to Anniston Army Depot. In the beginning, ammunition storage and shipment were the depot's primary missions. In the early 1950s, a maintenance mission for the overhaul and repair of combat vehicles was added, which has continued to expand throughout the ensuing decades; and

WHEREAS, Redstone Arsenal was established during World War II as a chemical manufacturing facility. The Cold War had moved to space, and the U.S. intended to compete with the Soviet Union there as well as across the globe. The Arsenal served as the primary site for space launch vehicle design into the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve proudly as soldiers of the United States Army, and the families who support them, make great sacrifices to defend our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is honored to be the home of Army Aviation and has a proud tradition of supporting all Armed Forces in their mission to defend our principles of liberty and freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2023 as the

Birthday of the U.S. Army

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 8th day of June 2023.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor