



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Hiram Williams, known by most as "Hank," was born to parents Lon and Lillian Williams in Mount Olive, Alabama on September 17, 1923; and

WHEREAS, with an early love for music and a move to Montgomery, Hank won an amateur night talent show at 13 by performing his original song, "WPA Blues." He earned a \$15 cash prize and a radio show that was broadcast from the WSFA studio in the Jefferson Davis Hotel; and

WHEREAS, after originally signing with Sterling Records in 1946, Hank soon moved to MGM Records, where he scored his first hit with "Move It On Over" and later followed with the legendary classics known and recognized by all; and

WHEREAS, having released the song "I'll Never Get Out of This World Alive," roughly a month prior, Hank died suddenly and tragically in Oak Hill, West Virginia at 29; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Hank wrote over 160 songs and frequently topped the Billboard charts with many of his hits crossing over to the pop music genre; and

WHEREAS, Williams is one of only 14 individuals to be enshrined in both the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and

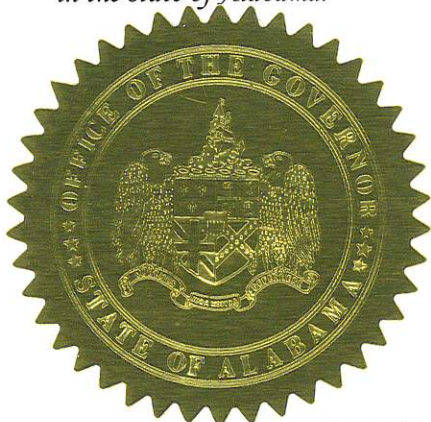
WHEREAS, music is a lifeblood of Alabama's history, and preserving our state's music helps preserve our state's culture. Montgomery Performing Arts Center, a vital arts presenting institution for the city of Montgomery and the state of Alabama, will celebrate the life and legacy of Hank Williams on his birthday; and

WHEREAS, I encourage Alabamians to commemorate our state's own in recognition of the 100th anniversary of his birth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2023, as

Hank Williams 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 5th day of September 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor