



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the International Youth Fellowship (IYF) of Birmingham has developed community service programs and fostered volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, IYF has worked to promote community connections throughout the year and is excited to announce that Birmingham has been selected as one of several communities that will experience the Gracias Christmas Cantata as part of the 2023 Gracias Christmas Cantata U.S. Tour; and

WHEREAS, for 17 years, the Gracias Choir has brought joy and happiness to audiences around the world, and the choir is planning to do the same during its October 7, 2023 performance at the BJCC Concert Hall; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, musical discipline and selflessness of this all-volunteer ensemble creates a performance quality in three acts; and

WHEREAS, the founder of Gracias Choir, Pastor Ock Soo Park, is scheduled to deliver a message of hope and the true meaning of Christmas, as attendees partake in the event;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2023, as

Gracias Christmas Cantata

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