



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama's school nutrition professionals are recognized as heroes and celebrated for their leadership to ensure the students of Alabama are fed, even in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's schools significantly impact the nutrition students receive and their development of healthy eating habits; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is home to many vibrant, small and mid-sized family farms that supply local schools and markets; and

WHEREAS, Alabama does best when state agencies and community partners collaborate to achieve common goals and lift up children and families; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School supports students' access to healthy, local foods and educational opportunities, including school gardens, cooking lessons and farm field trips; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed food choices and strengthens the local economy, which contributes to vibrant communities. The state of Alabama supports our local heroes;

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

Farm to School Month

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 29th day of September 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor