



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, each Fall, Auburn University's Beat Bama Food Drive and the Food Bank of East Alabama and The University of Alabama's Beat Auburn Beat Hunger and the West Alabama Food Bank unite students, faculty, alumni and community members to help fight hunger and poverty across Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, since the competition's inception in 1994 by former West Alabama Food Bank Director Craig Young, over 9 million pounds of food for Alabamians have been raised; and*

*WHEREAS, celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this year's competition will run September 29<sup>th</sup> through November 16<sup>th</sup> with both Auburn University and The University of Alabama fighting to raise the most monetary and physical poundage; and*

*WHEREAS, unfortunately, for many Alabamians, visits to the food pantry are no longer emergency stops but a regular part of the monthly routine to support their families; and*

*WHEREAS, I am proud to make donations to both universities, as we work together to combat food insecurity for all Alabamians;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2023, as the*

# *Beat Bama Food Drive and Beat Auburn Beat Hunger Day*

*in the state of Alabama, and I encourage all Alabamians, as we gear up for the excitement of the Iron Bowl, to join and participate in the food drive.*



*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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor