



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Defense advances its priorities through integrated deterrence, campaigning and actions that build enduring advantages involving complex and interconnected strategic global alliances and partnerships; and*

*WHEREAS, cultivating these alliances and partnerships requires unique training in foreign languages and cultures, as well as regional expertise in the military combatant commands; and*

*WHEREAS, in April 2006, the Air Force Culture and Language Center (AFCLC) was founded at Air University as a part of the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, embracing the Air Force chief of staff's intention to improve airmen's cross-cultural competence; and*

*WHEREAS, the AFCLC specializes in language, regional expertise and culture (LREC) education to enhance partner interoperability and adversary understanding across the spectrum of military operations; and*

*WHEREAS, the AFCLC stands as a resource for military leaders worldwide by creating content and courses at the undergraduate and graduate-study levels to prepare senior officers and command chiefs for key-leader engagements; and*

*WHEREAS, the AFCLC is responsive to mission oriented LREC education for the Total Force, which includes information exchange and analysis, cultural analysis and discussion, risk management, diplomacy and other regional topical issues; and*

*WHEREAS, the AFCLC annually hosts the Air University Language, Regional Expertise and Culture Symposium – A Professional Development Event – to further the study of mission-oriented LREC education across the Total Force;*

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

# *Language, Regional Expertise and Culture 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor