



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Thomas Monroe Campbell is an example of Alabama excellence, a pioneer in the fields of agricultural education and extension work; and*

*WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Campbell's agriculture studies, work ethic and skills at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute President and Science Professor Booker T. Washington petitioned the U.S. Department of Agriculture to appoint Mr. Campbell as its first black extension agent; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell was appointed to the position of farm demonstration agent for Macon County, where he was to manage Tuskegee's Movable School of Agriculture, a wagon equipped with seeds, fertilizers and different farm appliances; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell demonstrated improved farming practices to Macon County families, helping their crops become more fruitful and profitable; and*

*WHEREAS, as a result of his work, Mr. Campbell was named the first Black extension agent in the United States, and his employment initiated Tuskegee Institute as the first Cooperative Extension Program at a university; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell organized the Farmer Institutes, the Negro Farmers Conference, field visits, lectures and developed pamphlets and leaflets that reached and assisted farmers throughout Alabama. This method of providing research-based information from the "university to the people" became the template for cooperative extension throughout the United States and the world;*

*WHEREAS, the monument erected in honor of Mr. Campbell at the Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site will be rededicated on November 12, 2023 to coincide with November 12, 1906, the date of his historic selection to begin extension work in agriculture;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 12, 2023, as*

# *Thomas Monroe Campbell*

## *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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*