



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, January is known as National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to recruit quality mentors to provide additional networks of support for young people; and

WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes the contributions of volunteer mentors, who guide young people to success in their education, career and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs in Alabama make our state and communities stronger by enabling impactful relationships that increase social capital for young people and provide invaluable support networks; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs generally have a significant, positive impact on youth academic achievement, school connectedness and engagement and educational success, which can lead to outcomes such as improved attendance, grades, test scores and classroom behavior; and

WHEREAS, mentoring is an innovative, evidence-based practice and, uniquely, is both a prevention and intervention strategy that can support young people of all demographics and backgrounds in all aspects of their lives; and

WHEREAS, despite the benefits of mentoring, one young person of every three is growing up without a mentor, which means a third of the youth of the United States are growing up without someone outside of the home to offer real life guidance and support; and

WHEREAS, this "mentoring gap" demonstrates the need for collaboration among the private, public and nonprofit sectors to increase resources for relationship-centric supports for youth in communities, schools and workplaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim January 2024,
as

National Mentoring 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 11th day of January 2024.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor