



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Alabamians have suffered significant effects from severe weather during the primary and secondary severe weather seasons because of storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding; and*

*WHEREAS, according to the national weather service, in years past, Alabama has ranked number one in the nation in average annual tornado fatalities, and that number still remains high today; and*

*WHEREAS, increased public awareness and education regarding severe weather preparedness can substantially decrease the number of lives lost from deadly storms, which can occur any time of the year; and*

*WHEREAS, our citizens are our state's greatest resource, and historical data shows that building codes, insurance and available emergency funds protect our people, build more resilient communities and position Alabamians to prepare, mitigate, respond and recover more favorably when disasters strike; and*

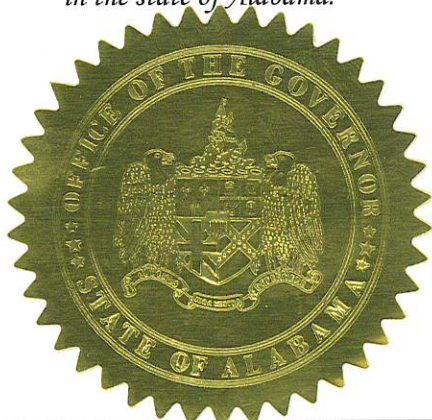
*WHEREAS, Alabama's Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday weekend is offered annually the last full weekend in February to help prepare Alabamians for severe weather events and other emergencies; and*

*WHEREAS, many counties are participating in this holiday, and Alabamians are encouraged to take this opportunity to develop a disaster plan, build an emergency kit and create an emergency communication plan;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 19 through February 25, 2024, as*

# Severe Weather Awareness Week

*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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor