



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential achieved upon completion of a voluntary and rigorous assessment program designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards based on what teachers should know and be able to do; and*

*WHEREAS, National Board-Certified Teachers (NBCT) are recognized as being among the best teachers in the profession; and*

*WHEREAS, research shows that the students of Board-Certified teachers outperform their peers in the classroom on achievement tests, and that schools and districts with a high concentration of NBCTs see marked improvements in school culture, collaboration and teacher retention; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to have more than 3,600 teachers who have obtained board certification; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama ranks seventh in the nation for the percentage of teachers who are board certified and fifth in the nation for new NBCTs;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 4 through March 8, 2024, as*

# *National Board-Certified Teachers 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor