



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2024, *WVIM13* celebrates a monumental milestone as it marks 75 years on the air, making it the longest continuously operating broadcasting station in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1949 as *WAFM-TV*, later known as *WAPI-TV* and currently *WVIM13*, this station has been a pioneer in delivering news, entertainment and vital information to the people of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, throughout its illustrious history, *WVIM13* has played a pivotal role in shaping public discourse, showcasing significant events and providing invaluable coverage of crucial moments in Alabama's history, including the Civil Rights movement; and

WHEREAS, with the first professional grade use of doppler radar in the early 1990s, *WVIM13* showed its commitment to public safety. To this day, *WVIM13* has ensured it was equipped with modern weather technology, giving viewers in Central Alabama a safety advantage; and

WHEREAS, *WVIM13*'s dedication to excellence in journalism, evident through its transition to high-definition broadcasting and digital news delivery, has set a standard of quality and professionalism in the industry; and

WHEREAS, *WVIM13*'s journalistic integrity and community engagement has fostered trust and unity among the population of Central Alabama, embodying the spirit of selfless service that defines our great state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2024, as

WVIM13 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 16th day of April 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor