



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, there are grandparents who take on a traditional role in the lives of their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, kinship is best defined as the raising of children by grandparents, other extended family members and adults with whom they have a close family-like relationship such as godparents and close family friends when biological parents are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, some parents voluntarily terminate their custody, or the courts take away custodial rights from biological parents, and grandparents often take on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren in an everyday capacity; and

WHEREAS, according to the Census Bureau, in the United States, 7.8 million children live in a home headed by one of 2.3 million grandparents who care for their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in Alabama, it is estimated approximately 121,147 grandparents are living with grandchildren, and nearly half of these grandparents are still in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, on Grandparents Day, let us recognize and show our appreciation to the grandparents who preside as leaders of the family, share knowledge and instill values, all while enriching the lives of generations of Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2024 as

Grandparents 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 29th day of August 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor