



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System is the primary outreach and engagement organization for the land-grant mission of Auburn University and Alabama A&M University in cooperation with Tuskegee University; and

WHEREAS, each year, Alabama 4-H helps more than 123,300 young people in Alabama lead, learn and make a difference in 1,000 Alabama schools through 13,000 educational activities with the support of 4,300 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture, forestry and wildlife teams consist of regional Extension agents and specialists who work year-round to support Alabama's farmers and landowners through delivery of research-based information to improve producer management decisions while increasing profitability; and

WHEREAS, lawn and garden experts provide in-person and virtual programs because they believe that knowledge can improve the enjoyment and safety of homes and property while ensuring the safety of Alabama's environment; and

WHEREAS, the human sciences team provides Alabamians of all ages and economic backgrounds with the practical, research-based knowledge and skills necessary to make better choices that inspire healthy people, strong families and elevated communities; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has abundant water resources with more than 130,000 miles of rivers and streams and more than 3.6 million acres of wetlands. Extension's aquatic resources team offers programs on recreational pond management, commercial catfish production, oyster production, well water training and waterway research; and

WHEREAS, urban Extension regional agents and specialists are dedicated to making an impact in Alabama's urban and suburban communities by providing learning experiences that are designed to make positive changes, inspire new ideas and solve problems; and

WHEREAS, the food safety and quality team provides research-based educational efforts for home canners, restaurant owners and cottage food producers and works to meet the challenges of residents across the state in rural regions, small towns and metro areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 15 through September 21, 2024, as

Alabama Extension 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 19th day of September 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor