

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, each Fall, Auburn University's Beat Bama Food Drive and the Food Bank of East Alabama and The University of Alabama's Beat Auburn Beat Hunger and the West Alabama Food Bank unite students, faculty, alumni and community members to help fight hunger and poverty across Alabama; and

WHEREAS, since the competition's inception in 1994 by former West Alabama Food Bank Director Craig Young, over 10 million pounds of food for Alabamians have been raised; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 31st anniversary, this year's competition will run October 4th through November 21st with both Auburn University and The University of Alabama fighting to raise the most monetary and physical poundage; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, for many Alabamians, visits to the food pantry are no longer emergency stops but a regular part of the monthly routine to support their families; and

WHEREAS, I am proud to make donations to both universities, as we work together to combat food insecurity for all Alabamians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2024, as the

Beat Bama Food Drive and Beat Auburn Beat Hunger Day

in the state of Alabama, and I encourage all Alabamians, as we gear up for the excitement of the Iron Bowl, to join and participate in the food drive.



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 7nd day of October 2024.

Kay Ivey, Governor