

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Computer Science Education Week highlights the crucial role that computer science plays in transforming our society and how computer science enables innovation and creates economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the field of computer science is a foundational subject that underpins the information technology sector of our economy, which is a significant contributor to United States economic output. The field of computer science, including artificial intelligence, encompases technologies with the power to fundamentally transform nearly all sectors of the United States economy; and

WHEREAS, technological leadership in all areas of computer science, including artificial intelligence, is an economic and national security necessity. The outlook for computer science jobs is bright with over 500,000 open computing positions across the country; and

WHEREAS, providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to the rich opportunities the field offers and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS Grace Murray Hopper, one of the first females in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many advancements in computer science; and

WHEREAS the week of December 9, in honor of Grace Hopper's birthday, is designated as 'Computer Science Education Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivy, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim December 9 through December 13, 2024, as the 16^{th} annual

Computer Science Education 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 5th day of October 2024.

Kay Ivey, Governor