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TO: Alabama State Agencies  
FROM: Governor Kay Ivey  
DATE: **Monday, April 21, 2025**  
RE: Flags Lowered for Pope Francis

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey".

In accordance with the Presidential proclamation, I hereby authorize flags be flown at half-staff effective immediately on the grounds of the Alabama State Capitol Complex in Montgomery and throughout the state of Alabama until the day of interment of Pope Francis, who passed away on Monday, April 21, 2025, at the age of 88.

Born in Argentina of Italian immigrant parents, Pope Francis was the first head of the Catholic Church from the Americas. He left a legacy of love and compassion for all. He made history not only for hailing from Latin America, but also for his succession of a living pope, Benedict XVI, the first papal abdication in over 600 years. As President Trump noted, Pope Francis was a very good man who loved the world.

The flags on the grounds of the State Capitol Complex and throughout the state of Alabama may be flown at half-staff from today, April 21, 2025, until sunset on the day of interment of Pope Francis.

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