

Proclamation By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the family serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support is the very foundation of our communities and our state; and

WHEREAS, in Alabama there are approximately 5,917 children and older youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home by compassionate nurturing foster families; and

WHEREAS, foster families, who open their hearts and homes, offer help to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect, launching children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated foster families go on to adopt foster children, demonstrating the profound and lasting impact of their commitment and emphasizing the ongoing need for more foster homes; and

WHEREAS, public and private sector partners, including individuals, non-profit organizations, faith-based groups and governmental agencies, work tirelessly to raise awareness of the needs of children in and aging out of foster care, and to celebrate the invaluable dedication of foster parents; and

WHEREAS, continued collaboration is essential to recruit additional foster families, especially those willing to care for sibling groups, youth and children with special needs, so every child in Alabama can experience a loving, permanent home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as

National Foster Care Month

in the state.



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 10^{th} day of July 2025.