



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Carole Robertson, a bright, kind and promising young woman, was an active member of the 66<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Jack and Jill America, Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama. She was admired for her character, her grace, and her commitment to her community; and*

*WHEREAS, as a devoted member of the Jack and Jill teen group of Birmingham, Alabama, Miss Robertson embodied the mission of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., which is to nurture future African American leaders through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty, and her life continues to inspire the organization's ongoing commitment to uplifting children and strengthening families and communities; and*

*WHEREAS, on September 15, 1963, Miss Robertson, at the age of 14, tragically lost her life in the bombing of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. It was an act of violence that shocked the nation and became a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement; and*

*WHEREAS, Miss Robertson's life and legacy continue to serve as a powerful reminder of the innocence lost and the high price paid in the pursuit of justice and equality; and*

*WHEREAS, Carole Robertson Day is observed each year to honor her memory, to reflect upon her contributions as a member of Jack and Jill of America and to reaffirm our shared commitment to building a world free from hatred, intolerance and violence; and*

*WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that we pause to remember Carole Robertson, her life cut short far too soon and the enduring call to action her memory represents in advancing peace, unity and opportunity for all people:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2025, as*

# *Carole Robertson Day*

*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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*