



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the state of Alabama continues to develop effective guidelines, which actively support consistent school attendance for students and K-12 families; and*

*WHEREAS, students who miss substantial classroom time, especially in their early grades, can adversely affect their educational skills in reading and math; and*

*WHEREAS, chronic absence is often defined as a student missing 18 or more days of school for any reason, both excused and unexcused absences; and*

*WHEREAS, our state must remain vigilant in addressing any barriers, which may negatively impact student academic achievement and daily school attendance; and*

*WHEREAS, with the continued support of local families and communities, Alabama students can achieve their personal goals and graduation aspirations; and*

*WHEREAS, chronic absence can significantly undermine local, regional and state efforts to provide a quality educational experience to all students; and*

*WHEREAS, our state's keen focus on K-12 achievement has helped to expand reading success in our state and placed emphasis on early literacy preparedness; and*

*WHEREAS, these efforts are enriching our local communities and are often ultimately successful because of students' regular classroom attendance; and*

*WHEREAS, chronic absences are substantially reduced when schools, local communities, and parents work together to encourage excellent class attendance; and*

*WHEREAS, consistent school attendance truly provides great opportunities for all students to develop the essential skills required for a lifetime of academic success:*

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

# *Attendance Awareness Month*

*in the state of Alabama and encourage all Alabamians, our civic leaders and families statewide to participate in this special celebration to demonstrate the importance of reducing all K-12 chronic absenteeism, to ensure every student is thriving academically and fully prepared for a promising future.*



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

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor