



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, hunting in Alabama is enshrined in the state constitution, offering opportunities to connect with nature while providing food security and nutrition to hunters, their families and those less fortunate through community-based Hunters for the Hungry (HFH) programs; and*

*WHEREAS, Feeding America reports that 711,370 Alabamians—14 percent of residents statewide—struggle with food insecurity, an issue fundamental to Alabama's future that is exacerbated by rising food costs; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alabama Hunters Helping the Hungry program, launched in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) in 1999, is hunters' common-sense answer to fighting hunger, tapping into hunting's role as an integral cultural component of Alabama communities; and*

*WHEREAS, recent NRA Hunters' Leadership Forum research shows that while American hunters share 119 million pounds of harvested game meat with others outside their households annually, many meat processors are not receiving enough donated game meat to fulfill their HFH missions; and*

*WHEREAS, the ADCNR is funded largely by hunters through the "user pays, public benefits" system known as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, resulting in \$17,181,339 in Pittman-Robertson funding going back to the state of Alabama in 2025 alone for its critical wildlife and habitat conservation programs; and*

*WHEREAS, promoting the Alabama tradition of sharing our wild game harvests takes on even greater significance as we strive to protect hunting's future and increase its cultural acceptance while promoting it as a food source, a right and a vital wildlife management tool; and*

*WHEREAS, hunger is a problem we can help to solve together through programs such as Hunters Helping the Hungry so that one day hunger no longer exists; and*

*WHEREAS, the NRA and its millions of members recognize November as National Wild Game Meat Donation Month and encourage all hunters to donate surplus game meat and financially support local HFH programs as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and the season of giving;*

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

# Wild Game Meat Donation Month

*in the state of Alabama and encourage all Alabamans to increase their understanding and awareness of food insecurity and how it impacts our nation, state, county and communities*



*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 October 2025.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor