

## Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the emerging global economy makes active engagement with other countries and cultures critical to our progress as a nation and our institutions; and

WHEREAS, Troy University is known as Alabama's International University and enrolls students from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Troy University operates teaching sites in Japan, South Korea, and Vietnam, where Troy became the first U.S. university to award the baccalaureate degree; and

WHEREAS, Troy University has enabled all students to benefit from exposure to classmates from different nations and cultures, with the goal of preparing them to excel in the international marketplace that awaits them after graduation; and

WHEREAS, the international students who study in our great nation return home as goodwill ambassadors for Alabama and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, international education has an annual impact of almost \$44 billion in the US economy and an annual impact of approximately \$349 million to Alabama's economy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 16 through 21, 2025, as

## International Education Week

in the state of Alabama, and I commend Troy University for their efforts in creating a global village to forge mutual understanding and appreciation.



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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2025.

Kay Ivey, Governor