



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force and United States Department of Defense is working with allies and partners to deter aggression and support the president's priority to end wars responsibly and reorient to key threats. Advancing these priorities through integrated deterrence, campaigning and actions that build enduring alliances and partnerships involve complex and interconnected strategic global coalitions often supplemented by specialized training in foreign languages and cultures, as well as regional expertise in the military combatant commands; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, the Air Force Culture and Language Center (AFCLC), was founded at Air University as a part of the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, embracing the Air Force Chief of Staff's intention to improve Airmen's cross-cultural competence; and

WHEREAS, in April 2007, the Air Force further demonstrated a commitment to culture learning by selecting cross-cultural competence as the centerpiece of Air University's re-accreditation efforts. The AFCLC specializes in language, regional expertise and culture education to enhance partner interoperability, adversary understanding and warfighter readiness across the spectrum of military operations; and

WHEREAS, the AFCLC stands as a resource for military leaders worldwide by creating content and courses at the undergraduate and graduate-study levels to prepare senior officers and command chiefs for key-leader engagements; and

WHEREAS, the AFCLC is responsive to mission-oriented language, regional expertise and culture education for the Total Force, which includes information exchange and analysis, cultural analysis and discussion, risk management, diplomacy and other regional topical issues; and

WHEREAS, the AFCLC annually hosts the Air University Language, Regional Expertise and Culture Symposium – A Professional Development Event – to further the study of mission-oriented language, regional expertise and culture education across the Total Force. This November 5 through 7, 2025, will be the 10th Annual Air University Language, Regional Expertise and Culture Symposium – A Professional Development Event – hosted by the Air Force Culture and Language Center.

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

Language, Regional Expertise & Culture Month

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 28th day of October 2025.*

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Kay Ivey, Governor