

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, courageous men and women have answered the call to defend the freedoms and values upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to be home to more than 400,000 veterans who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States in times of war and peace. These veterans, along with their families, have made tremendous sacrifices to protect our country, uphold our Constitution and preserve the liberty we cherish; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs faithfully serves our veterans, their dependents and survivors by connecting them to benefits, healthcare, education and employment opportunities and by operating state veterans homes that provide compassionate care to those who have borne the battle; and

WHEREAS, as the most military- and veteran-friendly state in the nation, Alabama remains unwavering in our love of country and in our gratitude for the men and women who have defended it with courage and devotion; and

WHEREAS, as governor, and as the daughter of a World War II veteran, I – like so many other Alabamians – hold a deep and personal appreciation for the men and women who have worn our nation's uniform; and

WHEREAS, under my Administration, it has been a priority to strengthen and elevate Alabama's commitment to our heroes ensuring that every veteran and their family receives the care, respect and opportunity they have earned; and

WHEREAS, as our nation prepares to celebrate its  $250^{th}$  birthday, Veterans Week, which culminates in the observance of Veterans Day, takes on even greater meaning – serving as a time for all Alabamians to express their gratitude, participate in local observances and reaffirm our collective promise to care for those who have served and sacrificed for our nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 5 through November 11, 2025, as

## Veterans Week

in the state of Alabama. I encourage all Alabamians to recognize and honor the service, sacrifice and enduring contributions of Alabama's veterans and their families.

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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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

Kay Ivey, Governor