



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, human trafficking involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or commercial sex through the use of force, fraud or coercion; and

WHEREAS, this crime affects children, youth and adults of all races, genders and backgrounds, and often exploits those who are most vulnerable, including individuals experiencing poverty, prior abuse, homelessness, unstable family situations or a need for safety, love and belonging; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is not just an international or national issue, but a local one that impacts communities throughout the state of Alabama, occurring in rural and urban areas, along major highways, in neighborhoods, online, in schools and in places of business; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking frequently go unseen because of fear, shame, threats, trauma and manipulation by traffickers, making it critical that community members, professionals and systems are trained to recognize the signs and safely report suspected trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Alabama will continue to work diligently to address human trafficking by offering trauma-informed support, crisis intervention, rehabilitative services for victims and survivors, prevention education and strong collaboration with law enforcement, schools, healthcare providers and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of human trafficking, promoting education and training for professionals and community members and expanding victim-centered services are essential to preventing exploitation, supporting survivors in their healing and strengthening the safety and wellbeing of all Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month is observed each January across the United States to honor the courage of survivors, recognize the dedication of those working to end trafficking and encourage all people to become informed, vigilant and actively engaged in prevention:

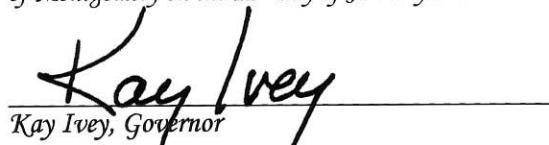
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim January 2026, as

# Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2026.

  
Kay Ivey, Governor