



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, school social workers serve as important members of the educational and leadership team, striving to create a supportive learning environment and positive climate for all students; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama currently has over 100 school social workers throughout the state; and*

*WHEREAS, school social workers are trained professionals with a degree in social work who provide services related to students and their family's social, emotional and mental health needs; and*

*WHEREAS, school social workers are skilled in identifying and providing services to students who face substantial challenges to academic success, including poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, grief, loss and other obstacles; and*

*WHEREAS, school social workers serve as the vital link between school, home and the community, doing impactful work to address students' physical and mental health needs so that students may achieve academic success; and*

*WHEREAS, school social workers provide intervention, crisis support and mental health counseling to ensure that Alabama students may reach their full potential in the classroom, addressing truancy and behavioral interventions; and*

*WHEREAS, during this week, the state of Alabama celebrates School Social Work Week and highlights the important job school social workers do to assist students, administrators, teachers, educators, parents and their communities:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 1 through March 7, 2026 as*

# School Social Work Week

*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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor