



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential achieved upon completion of a voluntary and rigorous assessment program designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards based on what teachers should know and be able to do; and

WHEREAS, National Board-Certified Teachers (NBCT) are nationally recognized as being among the best teachers in the profession; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the students of Board-Certified teachers outperform their peers in the classroom on achievement tests and that schools and districts with a high concentration of NBCTs see marked improvements in school culture collaboration and teacher retention; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to have more than 4,196 teachers who have obtained board certification; and

WHEREAS, Alabama ranks seventh in the nation for total number of active NBCTs – 2,694 active – and fifth in the nation by percentage – 4.7 percent of teachers hold national board certification; and

WHEREAS, Alabama ranks seventh in the nation for new NBCTs, seventh in the nation for maintained NBCTs, fifth in total candidates from 2023-2024 and ranks 11th total NBCTs ever certified:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 9 through March 13, 2026, as

National Board-Certified Teachers 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 2nd day of March 2026.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor