



# 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 2024-2025 and ranks 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2026.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*