WHEREAS, in response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey, the President of the United States issued a Major Disaster Declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Act for portions of the State of Texas (FEMA-4332-DR-TX) on August 25, 2017, and an Emergency Declaration for the State of Louisiana (FEMA-3382-EM-LA) on August 28, 2017;

WHEREAS, as a result of Hurricane Harvey, oil refineries in Texas and Louisiana have suffered a temporary interruption of production which has caused a disruption in the supply of petroleum products, including gasoline, to Alabama;

WHEREAS this disruption in supply inherently places upward pressure on gasoline prices, but does not justify the imposition of unconscionable prices during the period of a declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2017, I declared a State of Emergency within the State of Alabama to mitigate the negative impact of this disruption in the supply of gasoline and other petroleum products by waiving the Federal hours-of-service requirements on petroleum transport motor carriers and drivers;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, in accordance with Sections 8-31-1 through 8-31-6, Code of Alabama (1975), do hereby place all persons on notice that it is unlawful for any person within the State of Alabama to impose unconscionable prices for the sale or rental of any commodity or rental facility during the period of the State of Emergency currently in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 18th day of September, 2017.

Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTEST:

John H. Merrill
Secretary of State