WHEREAS, the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, confers upon the State of Alabama, the power to issue a State of Emergency when there exists conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State caused by natural or man-made disasters;

WHEREAS, the prediction of the National Weather Service demonstrates the potential for the State of Alabama to be impacted by severe weather with tornadoes, damaging winds, hail, flooding, flash flooding, and river flooding possible;

WHEREAS, storm damages could occur on public and private property;

WHEREAS, the potential for loss of life, injuries, and property damage exists;

WHEREAS, disruption of essential utility systems could occur and may continue to occur causing extreme peril to the citizens in the State;

WHEREAS, all the above could adversely affect the health, safety, and economy of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that these damages, because of their magnitude, will be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single city and/or county and expect that it will require the combined forces of mutual aid assistance to alleviate the adverse effects to the health, safety, and economy of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Alabama effective as of 10:00 CST on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 and direct the activation of the Alabama Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and all appropriate annexes to include the activation of the Alabama National Guard. The Alabama Emergency Operations Center shall be activated, as well as all impacted Alabama Emergency Management Agency Divisions. In addition, I direct the appropriate state agencies to exercise their statutory authority to assist the communities and entities affected. I also direct the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to make appropriate assessments of damages and seek the necessary state and/or federal assistance for the affected areas.

FURTHER, in accordance with the Code of Alabama (1975), Sections 8-31-1 through 8-31-6, I 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 a declared State of Emergency.

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 date of June, 2017.

Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTEST:

John H. Merrill
Secretary of State