



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and boundless admiration that we as Alabamians honor the untold number of men and women of the United States Armed Forces, active and retired, Reserves and National Guard, who have stepped forward in all circumstances throughout American history so that we can live in freedom; and

WHEREAS, the 243rd Anniversary of the firing of "the shot heard 'round the world", April 19, 2018, commemorates the beginning of when America's first military heroes made the ultimate sacrifice for liberty and began a Revolution believing in the rule of law, the consent of the governed and steadfastly holding to the proposition that all men are created equal; and

WHEREAS, throughout worldwide conflicts at lonely outposts, since that fateful day at Concord Bridge, when taking the beaches at Normandy, or defending the American shoreline, or enduring the bitter winters of Korea, or trudging through the steamy jungles of Vietnam, or when fighting in the War On Terrorism in the sandy deserts of Afghanistan or Iraq, or when sailing the high seas in a war vessel, or taking flight in a war plane, one thing has always been constant: the military servicemen and women of the United States Armed Forces have always performed their duty with honor, courage, bravery and distinction; and

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces can always be depended upon to carry the banner of Freedom and Democracy, and we must not forget the Families and Loved Ones who also sacrifice for our Liberty, and who, on occasion, endure the ultimate burden of losing a Loved One in the military services of our Country; and

WHEREAS, the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Commission, The South Alabama Veterans Council and the City of Mobile, in cooperation with the founding and participating organizations of the Blue Star Salute Foundation, The American Legion, Alabama Societies Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Wives, Disabled American Veterans and many other supporting groups and organizations wish to further recognize our Nation's indebtedness to its Veterans and Military Service Members; and

WHEREAS, on this Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2018, The Blue Star Salute Foundation, in cooperation with the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Commission, the South Alabama Veterans Council, the City of Mobile and many other supporting and participating groups and organizations – and particularly during the Centennial Commemoration of Alabama entering into World War I when the Alabama National Guard's 167th Infantry Regiment was mobilized and trained to serve with the infamous 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division as well as the 100th Commemoration of the establishment of the "Blue Star" and "Gold Star" Service Banners, are committed to fostering and rendering full honor and respect to our Nation's Guardians of Freedom, Veterans of such military service, and all their family members, will proudly host the 14th Annual Blue Star Salute Day for the State of Alabama at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2018, as the

14th Annual Blue Star Salute Day

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 1st day of May 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor