



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, the Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Alabama states that, "We, the people of the State of Alabama, in order to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish the following Constitution and form of government for the state of Alabama"; and

*WHEREAS*, Benjamin Franklin, at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 stated, "And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the House they labor in vain that build it' (Psalm 127:1)"; and

*WHEREAS*, George Washington enunciated, "Animated alone by the pure spirit of Christianity, and conducting ourselves as the faithful subjects of our free government, we may enjoy every temporal and spiritual felicity"; and

*WHEREAS*, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote: "Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"; and

*WHEREAS*, James Madison, father of the U.S. Constitution, advocated, "The diffusion of the light of Christianity in our nation," in his Memorial and Remonstrance"; and

*WHEREAS*, Patrick Henry quoted Proverbs 14:34 for our nation, "Righteousness alone can exalt a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people"; and

*WHEREAS*, George Mason, in his Virginia Declaration of Rights, forerunner to our U.S. Bill of Rights, affirmed, "That it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love and charity towards each other"; and

*WHEREAS*, these, and many other truly great men and women of America, giants in the structuring of American history, were Christian statesmen of caliber and integrity, who did not hesitate to express their faith:

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 15<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, as Alabama's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# Christian Heritage Week

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to discover the rich religious heritage of our nation and state.



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 2018.

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor