



## *Proclamation*

### *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the first Christmas Sunday in Alabama was December 26, 1819, and the State of Alabama has celebrated this meaningful season of joy and giving for almost two-hundred years; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama is blessed with an abundance of compassion, intellect and nature's bounty. God has anointed our radiantly gilded, sun-warmed, fertile land by lovingly holding Alabama in His mighty hands between the plentiful, thriving seas and the heart-soaring mountaintops with rich soil bestowing our state two centuries of agricultural greatness; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabamians cherish the true meaning of the Christmas season as told in The Holy Bible by the prophet, Isaiah, "Unto us is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Throughout all sixty-seven counties of our Christian state, all generous-hearted Alabamians glorify "The Birth of Jesus Christ," a child who came to teach us to love our neighbors and love our world; and*

*WHEREAS, all compassionate souls in Alabama unite in joyful harmony, our hearts filled with kindness for one another and pulse with empathy. Each of us is ever-grateful as we toil together harvesting our fruitful crops, our full-to-bursting fishing nets and our passionately hunted, natural woodlands. We are, one and all, eager to share, especially we give to the least of us; and*

*WHEREAS, there are angels in our Alabama midst heralding a new and radiant future where no child knows the sadness of an empty bowl because we put our compassion into action and the light of Christ's love is in every Alabama heart. In this holiday season and time of gift-giving, we share our ample, God-given abundance to help those most in need;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim December 2017, as*

## *CHRISTMAS SUNDAY: The Season*

### *Alabama Feeds Every Child*

*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 17th day of November 2017.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*