



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was founded on December 1, 1941, by a group of volunteers led by civilian pilots to support America's efforts in World War II, through reconnaissance missions near the coastlines to protect cargo ships according to U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Marshal; and

WHEREAS, many submarines were spotted by "Subchasers", military armed light aircraft. The brave civilian pilots were put at great risk as they were often flying 100 miles or more from shore. These Subchasers played an integral role in the defense of American's home front during World War II, spotting 143 German Submarines and attacking 57, while directing shore-based fighting units to their targets; and

WHEREAS, the wartime effort, which included border patrol operations, search and rescue, disaster fire patrol, transportation of personnel and cargo and towing practice for the U.S. military, resulted in the loss of 66 costal patrol members and 150 aircraft by the war's end; and

WHEREAS, the Costal Patrol was heralded a success, prompting President Harry Truman to sign Public Law 476 in 1946, which chartered CAP as a benevolent, nonprofit organization, and in 1948 the Congress of the United States passed Public Law 557, permanently establishing CAP as the auxiliary of the United States Air Force with the primary missions of emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol is known worldwide for its emergency service operations, performing vital search and rescue missions for communities across the country, and sets the world standard for volunteer aviation emergency services, prompting other nations to use the model to establish or improve their own volunteer programs; and

WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol has established itself among the nation's search and rescue elite, participating in up to 85 percent of the Air Force's Inland Search and Rescue missions, with more than 8,000 aircrew members and 30,000 emergency responders trained to Federal Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security Standards, with a contribution value of \$177 million in man hours in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol provides aerial photography and damage assessment in real time, as well as ground team support including water, food and supply delivery for victims, as part of disaster relief and homeland security missions; and

WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol's youth program includes almost 25,000 cadets who benefit from emergency service and leadership training, and opportunities for flight and pilot training. CAP reaches school-age children with a comprehensive selection of academic and aviation programs that focus on aeronautical and aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol in December 2017, celebrated 77 years of performing 'Missions For America' and the State of Alabama is proud to honor and recognize the men, women and Alabama youngsters serving as cadets who have served, and those who continue to serve, their fellow citizens through Civil Air Patrol, a noble and patriotic organization; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Wing Headquarters of the Civil Air Patrol is located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama and the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters is also located at Maxwell Airforce Base, Montgomery, AL;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 16th through April 21st, 2018, as

Civil Air Patrol Week

in the State of Alabama, and encourage all citizens to thank Civil Air Patrol members for their dedication and commitment to service, and to consider becoming a member of the Civil Air Patrol.



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 13th day of April 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor