



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, hundreds of people die, and thousands are injured each year, in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and*

*WHEREAS, on average, there are 418 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and*

*WHEREAS, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.4 billion annually; and*

*WHEREAS, more than six people are electrocuted each week in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year; and*

*WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and*

*WHEREAS, citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters and tamper resistant receptacles; and*

*WHEREAS, citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and*

*WHEREAS, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace through education, awareness and advocacy;*

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

## *Electrical Safety Month*

*in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to observe the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries and deaths.*



*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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor