



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, it is important to give appropriate recognition to past and present fathers for their unique and valuable role in the lives of their children and for providing the foundation for the healthy and social development of their families who are a vital interest in the future of Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to encourage future fathers to be mindful of the importance of their role in the day-to-day lives of their children, families and society; and*

*WHEREAS, fatherhood demands sacrifice, and is often difficult work; but, being a dad does not require perfection. Fathers are examples of success, and constantly push their children toward it. And where their own fathers fell short, they have an obligation to rise up and do better with their own children; and*

*WHEREAS, fathers try to do everything possible to provide a healthy social environment for their children; and*

*WHEREAS, all Alabamians are encouraged to visit [fatherhood.org](http://fatherhood.org) for information on creating sustainable fatherhood initiatives, community and state leaders are urged to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately 40,000 Alabama children a year experience court ordered visitation with one parent for only two to six days a month; and*

*WHEREAS, according to Alabama DHR, these children are, on average, more likely to be poor, to use drugs, to experience health, educational, emotional, and behavioral problems, to be victims of child abuse and to engage in criminal behavior; and*

*WHEREAS, fathers are honored on Father's Day, all are urged to take concentrated steps to embrace fathers and value every child's need for a father in their daily lives; and*

*WHEREAS, on this Father's Day, fathers are encouraged to recommit themselves to those duties that all parents share: to build a foundation for their children's dreams, to give them the love and support they need to fulfill them, and to stick with them the whole way through, no matter what difficulties may arise;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2018, as*

# Father's Day

*in the State of Alabama and encourage all Alabamians to recognize the important role fathers play and join together in observing this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.*



*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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor