



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1961; the Freedom Riders went to Anniston, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom Riders went with courage, hope and the mission of justice and equality for all people to travel without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom Riders were mistreated, beaten and threatened but refused to give up their mission and dream; and

WHEREAS, that courage and hope lives on and is celebrated today, over 57 years later; and

WHEREAS, today, we benefit from their sacrifice, determination and perseverance by having freedom and are extremely thankful, grateful and appreciative of their example and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2018, as

Freedom March Celebration Day

in the State of Alabama, as a Day of Reconciliation, Restoration and Healing in the cities of Anniston, Alabama, Oxford, Alabama and surrounding regions.



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 26th day of April 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor