



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the term "Gold Star" began during World War I when American families displayed flags in homes, businesses, schools and churches with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service; and

WHEREAS, today, the nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter or other loved one dies in active service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of our nation serve in our military. We have an obligation to acknowledge the losses of our service men and women and ensure their families are not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, we honor those who lost a family member who died while in active service in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we remember our commitment to Gold Star Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite their tragic loss;

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

Gold Star Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama, and in conjunction with Memorial Day to help raise public awareness for Gold Star Families, regardless of their branch affiliation.



*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 30th day of March 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor