



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, this year marks the 17th annual celebration of Inclusive Schools Week; and

WHEREAS, this celebration was created to recognize the progress that our nation's schools have made toward providing a quality education for an increasingly diverse student population, including those students historically marginalized due to disability, socio-economic status, racial and cultural heritage, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, every student should have the full opportunity to succeed in school and be prepared to succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, every student should be educated in inclusive schools and classrooms, that are welcoming and are capable of educating all children; and

WHEREAS, every student is entitled to fairness through program application and access; and

WHEREAS, Alabama educators recognize that every student is unique, learns differently and learns better when teaching is responsive to their abilities and interests; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's educators and families work hard to ensure our schools and classrooms are high performing and inclusive; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's educators and families deserve to celebrate their successes and to reflect on how they might further improve practices that contribute to high performing and inclusive school communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of December 4th through December 8th, 2017, as

Inclusive Schools Week

in the State of Alabama and encourage schools and classrooms across Alabama to participate in learning and community-building activities in recognition thereof.



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 28th day of November 2017.

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Kay Ivey, Governor