



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) has contributed numerous advancements to the world in science and rocket propulsion technology over the past six decades, including taking Americans to the Moon; and

WHEREAS, MSFC is responsible for approximately 29,000 jobs and \$4.6 billion in economic output across Alabama and nearly \$123 million in state and local tax revenues annually, also while serving as a major economic development asset and technology magnet for Alabama and the southeast; and

WHEREAS, MSFC brings additional benefits to the state through the knowledge of new discoveries, strengthening national security, deepening partnerships with other states and nations, while inspiring a new generation of scientists, engineers and explorers; and

WHEREAS, MSFC is preparing to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo moon landing and the Alabama Bicentennial, while currently leading our nation's development of the Space Launch System, the most powerful rocket ever built which will return man to the Moon, with an eye on Mars; and

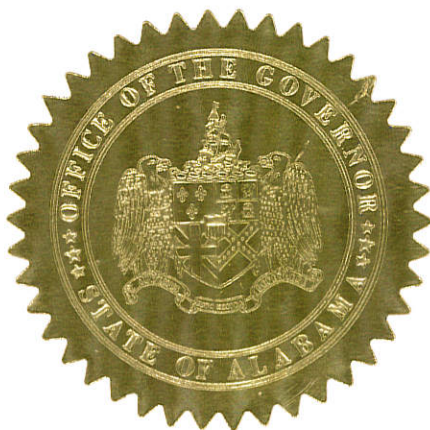
WHEREAS, MSFC has successfully reached every county in Alabama for the first time with STEM educational and additional outreach efforts through their new "67 Counties Initiative;" and

WHEREAS, Alabamians are exceedingly proud of the distinguished achievements of Marshall Space Flight Center and the advances in space exploration and scientific progression it has produced to the benefit of all humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2018, as

NASA Day

in the State of Alabama.



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 22nd day of February 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor