



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, in Oct 1994, declared the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, that the fourth Sunday of every July shall be established as "Parents' Day" to be recognized as a recurring, perennial day of commemoration; and

WHEREAS, as a child's first role models, parents shape the character of those who will help build the future of our nation. On Parents' Day, we pay tribute to the hard work and sacrifices of the millions of devoted parents who provide unconditional love, education, guidance to their children; and

WHEREAS, the alarming statistics related to at-risk youth and teen-age delinquency compels us to focus on families and reinforce traditional family values on Parents' Day; and

WHEREAS, aware of the crisis of family breakdown throughout this nation, and that every moment counts in the efforts to respond to this emergency, we must address the importance of the sanctity of marriage in creating a home environment of peace and love. An emphasis on education to guide and nurture the next generation is also essential; and

WHEREAS, healthy and God-centered families are the foundation for healthy, well-adjusted nations, because the values that promote peace in the world are a direct extension of the values that promote peace within individual families; and

WHEREAS, God centered families and the pursuit of world peace are not two separate goals. Without families that embody the love and ideals of our creator, reconciliation and peace among divided classes, colors and creeds will remain an unattainable dream; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all parents, whether parental figures, step parents, adoptive parents or foster parents to commit themselves in creating a nurturing home environment that encourages sound development of their children as healthy, well-adjusted citizens of the community; and

WHEREAS, we support programs sponsored by federal, state and local faith based organizations or community groups that provide resources to help parents as they work hard to raise children of moral conviction and good character;

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

National Parents' Day

in the State of Alabama, and encourage all citizens to recognize the sanctity of marriage and the importance of a healthy family, as a cornerstone of our society.



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 20th day of March 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor