



## *Proclamation*

### *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the service provided by pastors and their families is distinctive and safeguards the spiritual wellbeing of the members of their congregations, each of whom reach out into the surrounding communities; and*

*WHEREAS, pastors invest themselves and the majority of their families' lives in the ministry, facing the pressure of sometimes unrealistic expectations to be the "ideal role model" for their congregation, to be available whenever a member needs assistance, to have all the answers and to provide counseling, comfort and instruction often under intense pressure; and*

*WHEREAS, because a pastor represents a leader, spiritual guide, visionary, shepherd, overseer, teacher, preacher and many other things to a congregation, they hold a key role in the quality of life in our cities; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is blessed to have many congregations with pastors who invest their time for the betterment of the community and who encourage a strong spiritual security on a daily basis;*

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

## *Pastor Appreciation Month*

*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 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*