



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who deeply cherish the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of Law; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a major trading partner with Alabama. In 2016, Alabama imported \$137.82 million products from Taiwan and exported \$200.03 million products to Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, in the year of 2016, the Republic of China (Taiwan) held its sixth direct presidential election and again demonstrated the strength and vitality of its democratic system, paving the way for Taiwan as a beacon of democracy in Asia and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Tsai Ing-wen was elected as the 14th President of Taiwan, becoming the first female president in the country's history, and along with her Vice President Chen Chien-jen, she hopes to continue to build the country's already rich tradition of economic vitality, cultural growth and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the international community with a long history of commitment to international health and humanitarian aid as well as environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, Taiwan and Alabama have enjoyed long, cordial, and mutually beneficial sister-state relations. This friendship continues to strengthen in the passing years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2017, as

Republic of China (Taiwan) 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 4th day of October 2017.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor