



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Veterans Day proclamation calling on our nation to “pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this nation;” and

WHEREAS, the words of that first proclamation still ring true: “Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the sea, in the air and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain;” and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alabama and the United States of America continue to live in freedom because of the contributions and sacrifices made by those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in time of national peril; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 375,000 veterans in Alabama who, by their continued devotion to the highest ideals of citizenship, constitute a foundation of both the strength and progress of this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2017, as

Veterans Day

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to observe with appropriate ceremonies and activities the sacrifices and contributions of our veterans who fought for peace and defended democracy in our land and abroad.



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 8th day of November 2017.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor