



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America, a non-profit organization, began in 2006 as an extension of the Arlington National Cemetery Wreath Project, which was started in 1992 when wreaths donated by the Worcester Wreath Company were placed on the headstones of our Nation's Fallen Heroes during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol of Bessemer, Alabama, the Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc., and the Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery are partnering with Wreaths Across America with a mission to REMEMBER the fallen; HONOR those who serve; and TEACH our children the value of freedom; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and volunteers will help adorn the gravesites at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo and at other veterans' graves statewide in a stirring tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those who have guarded and preserved our Nation's freedom throughout history; and

WHEREAS, today, a Wreaths Across America Statehouse Ceremony is held at the State Capitol to begin a week-long celebration of Alabama's veterans and their service to our country, with a focus particularly on family during the holidays;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim December 16th, 2017, as

Wreaths Across America 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 11th day of December 2017.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor