



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a special time to join together as Alabamians to seek justice, ensure victims' rights and inspire hope for the victims of crime; and*

*WHEREAS, unfortunately, Alabamians are the victims of thousands of crimes each year, affecting victims, their families and our communities; and*

*WHEREAS, it is essential to help victims in Alabama access the justice, assistance and the support that they need to rebuild their lives; and*

*WHEREAS, supporting victims of crime is crucial in Alabama as it honors their experiences empowering them to find freedom and strength to overcome their victimization; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important for us to advocate for victims of crime, provide resources for victims of crime and support them in their journey for justice; and*

*WHEREAS, in Alabama, we are determined to respond to crime and violence by helping victims find not only support, recovery, and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alabama Crime Victims' Rights Act provides victims the ability to make informed decisions and meaningfully participate throughout the criminal justice process; and*

*WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to ensure that accessible, appropriate and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and*

*WHEREAS, my Administration in partnership with the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and Alabama's District Attorneys created the Certified Victims Service Officer Program which provides 93 Certified Victim Service Officers along with equipment and training to provide direct services to victims in Alabama;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 23 through April 29, 2023, as*

# Crime Victims' Rights Week

*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 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor