



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the state of Alabama and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, share a steadfast commitment to ensuring the safety, permanency and wellbeing of children, youth and families; and*

*WHEREAS, the Fostering the Future executive order signed by President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump represents a transformative, whole-of-government approach to strengthening child welfare systems, centering prevention, stability and long-term positive outcomes for children and families; and*

*WHEREAS, under the executive order, reducing unnecessary administrative burden, streamlining reporting requirements and aligning federal processes are essential to enabling child welfare agencies and frontline professionals to focus their time, expertise and resources on serving children and families effectively; and*

*WHEREAS, the principles of federalism affirm that states are the primary drivers of child welfare policy, practice and innovation, and that federal partnership is most effective when it supports, empowers and removes barriers to state-led solutions that reflect local needs, strengths and priorities; and*

*WHEREAS, the state of Alabama has made significant and measurable improvements to its child welfare system, including enhanced safety practices, stronger family engagement, expanded prevention services, improved permanency outcomes and a demonstrated commitment to continuous quality improvement; and*

*WHEREAS, the state of Alabama and ACF recognize that lasting system change is achieved through collaboration, transparency and a shared commitment to learning, innovation and excellence:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, along with the Administration for Children and Families do hereby issue this proclamation to memorialize our shared intent to enter into a new Program Improvement Plan (PIP). The state of Alabama proclaims*

# *A Home for Every Child*

*and, together, we affirm our mutual commitment to: Strengthening child safety, permanency and wellbeing outcomes; Promoting innovation and cross-system collaboration; and sustaining a child welfare system that ensures every child has the opportunity to grow up in a safe, stable and loving home – A Home for Every Child. This proclamation reflects a shared vision for the future of child welfare, one that builds on progress to date, embraces bold and thoughtful innovation and remains unwavering in its commitment to children, youth and families. Thank you to President Trump for prioritizing the wellbeing of children and families.*



*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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor