



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, municipal government in Alabama represents the government closest to the people;
and

WHEREAS, municipal government makes important decisions affecting the lives of all Alabamians, which includes providing essential services such as police and fire protection, garbage collection, infrastructure installation and maintenance and utility services, all while also providing numerous educational, recreational and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, being closest to the people, municipal government is the ultimate expression of grassroots democracy. However, there may not be a full understanding and appreciation of the important role local government plays in providing a higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama League of Municipalities was established on May 15, 1935, as a nonpartisan membership association to serve as the voice of Alabama's municipalities, representing its members in front of the Alabama Legislature, in Congress and with numerous administrative agencies; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 60 percent of Alabamians live in municipalities, with many more people working in them; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 465 incorporated municipalities in Alabama with a broad diversity of populations. While most are small, Alabama also has several strong urban centers; and

WHEREAS, four cities have populations greater than 185,000 and 59 have a population greater than 12,000. There are 406 municipalities with a population less than 12,000, while 135 of them have less than 500:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 10 through 16, 2026, as

Municipal Government Week

in the state of Alabama. I encourage all Alabamians to be involved in their local municipal government, while also recognizing the importance of good government at every level, and especially on the local level.



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 16th day of April 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor