



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Americans lose billions of dollars each year to fraud, with older adults disproportionately affected, making prevention, education and strong consumer protections more important than ever; and*

*WHEREAS, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) estimates fraud losses in 2024 were as high as \$196 billion nationwide, with up to \$81.5 billion stolen from older adults; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabamians submitted 24,870 reports of fraud with \$91.4 million fraud losses in 2025, according to the FTC with adults 60 and older. Adults who experience fraud can have a life-changing amount of money stolen from them – \$83,000 – four times that of the average across all ages; and*

*WHEREAS, older adults are often affected by fraud when they are no longer working or already financially strained and unable to recover the money that was stolen; and*

*WHEREAS, public awareness and education are critical in helping consumers recognize the common red flags of scams and keeping them informed about emerging fraud trends; and*

*WHEREAS, our communities – which include non-profit organizations, law enforcement and public officials – are working to strengthen consumer protections, provide victim support and advocate for stronger measures to prevent and prosecute fraud at the local, state and federal levels; and*

*WHEREAS, preventing fraud is a shared responsibility, and increasing awareness during Fraud Prevention Month empowers all Alabamians – especially older adults – to protect themselves, their families and their financial security:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as*

# Fraud Prevention Month

*in the state of Alabama and encourage all Alabamians to learn the red flags of scams and to support community and advocacy efforts that help prevent scams, protect consumers and assist fraud victims.*



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

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor