



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the United States of America is approaching the 250th anniversary of its founding, known as the Semiquincentennial, marking a once-in-a-generation milestone in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, during the historic week of July 1 through 8, 1776, the Continental Congress debated independence on July 1, voted for independence on July 2, formally adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4 and first publicly read the Declaration to the American people on July 8; and

WHEREAS, Americans are reminded of the enduring spirit, courage and unity that have defined our nation since those pivotal days in July 1776; and

WHEREAS, the National Flag Foundation has launched a nationwide initiative known as "Light to Unite," inviting citizens and communities to celebrate our shared heritage by proudly displaying the United States flag and illuminating buildings and landmarks in red, white and blue; and

WHEREAS, this effort seeks to honor the sacrifices of those who have defended our freedoms, celebrate the resilience of the American people and inspire hope for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama has long demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to faith, family, freedom and country, and continues to play a vital role in shaping the American story; and

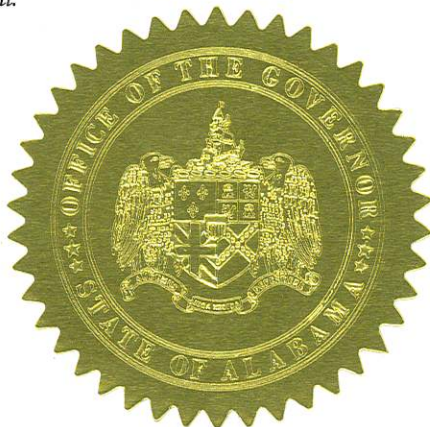
WHEREAS, the Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission has been established to lead and coordinate the statewide planning and implementation of the commemoration of America's 250th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, participation in this national effort provides an opportunity for municipalities, state agencies, businesses and citizens to voluntarily join in a visible expression of unity and patriotism during this historic week of remembrance:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim July 1 through 8, 2026, as

"Light to Unite" Week

and encourage government agencies, municipalities, community organizations, businesses and residents to illuminate buildings, landmarks and homes in red, white and blue and proudly display the Stars and Stripes in celebration of our nation's 250th birthday. May these lights shine as symbols of remembrance, gratitude, unity and hope - reflecting our shared commitment to one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



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 7th day of May 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor