



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized nationally as Kinship Caregivers Month, a time to honor the relatives and close family friends who provide loving, stable homes for children when their parents are unable to care for them; and

WHEREAS, kinship caregivers—including grandparents, aunts, uncles, adult siblings and other relatives—step forward during times of crisis to ensure children remain connected to family, culture and community while receiving the care, stability and encouragement they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has witnessed a growing number of grandparents and other relatives assuming the responsibility of raising children due in part to the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic, as well as mental illness, incarceration and the loss of parents; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers often accept significant financial, emotional and personal responsibilities with little notice, demonstrating extraordinary compassion, resilience and selflessness in providing safe, nurturing homes for Alabama's children; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as Grandparents as Parents (GAP) and other community partners work diligently to provide food assistance, school supplies, educational resources, advocacy, support services and family-centered programs that strengthen kinship families throughout Alabama; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the dedication of kinship caregivers and increasing public awareness of the unique challenges they face encourages stronger support systems that benefit children, families and communities across our state:

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

Kinship Caregivers Month

in the state of Alabama and encourage all citizens to recognize the invaluable contributions of kinship caregivers and to support the families whose love and sacrifice help build a stronger 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 10th day of September 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor