



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who deeply cherish the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of Law; and*

*WHEREAS, Taiwan is a major trading partner with Alabama. In 2017, Alabama imported \$174.8 million products from Taiwan and exported \$89 million products to Taiwan; and*

*WHEREAS, in the year of 2016, the Republic of China (Taiwan) held its sixth direct presidential election and again demonstrated the strength and vitality of its democratic system, paving the way for Taiwan as a beacon of democracy in Asia and beyond; and*

*WHEREAS, Tsai Ing-wen was elected as the 14th President of Taiwan, becoming the first female president in the country's history, and along with her Vice President Chen Chien-jen, she hopes to continue to build the country's already rich tradition of economic vitality, cultural growth and innovation; and*

*WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the international community with a long history of commitment to international health and humanitarian aid, as well as environmental protection; and*

*WHEREAS, the Taiwan Travel Act, which was passed by the United States Congress on February 28, 2018, and signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 16, 2018, encouraged high-level officials to exchange visits from both countries, the visit of President Tsai, Ing-wen to the United States in August highlights the spirit of the Act, and further enhances friendship between our two countries; and*

*WHEREAS, since 1983, Taiwan and Alabama have enjoyed long, cordial, and mutually beneficial sister-state relations. This friendship continues to strengthen in the passing years;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2018, as*

# Republic of China (Taiwan) Day

*in the State of 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor