

## **Proclamation**

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential achieved upon completion of a voluntary and rigorous assessment program designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards based on what teachers should know and be able to do; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are nationally recognized as being among the best teachers in the profession; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the students of Board-certified teachers outperform their peers in other classrooms on achievement tests, and that schools and districts with a high concentration of NBCTs see marked improvements in school culture, collaboration and teacher retention; and

WHEREAS, to date the state of Alabama has more than 2,700 teachers who have obtained Board Certification; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama ranks 10th in the Nation for the percentage of teachers who are Board Certified;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 18 through the 22, 2019, as

## Alabama National Board Certified Teacher Week

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 15th day of March 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor