

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the 68^{th} observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2,2019, with the theme "Pray for America: Love One Another" based on John 13:34, "Love one another just as I have loved you;" and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United State Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May as National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we possess to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, we specifically thank God for those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2019, as the

National Day of Prayer

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 9th day of April 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor