



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, every day, more than 50,000 Alabamians either serve in the military or are working as Department of Defense Civilians and make a vital, global impact on the national security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Redstone Arsenal is a U.S. Army instillation and Federal Center of Excellence that serves as the economic engine of North Alabama and plays a vital role in space operations, missile defense, homeland security, research and development, and engineering; and

WHEREAS, Redstone Arsenal has a total annual economic impact of \$18 billion, which is equivalent to more than eight percent of the state of Alabama's gross domestic product (GDP); and

WHEREAS, Maxwell Airforce Base provides the foundation for Airmen success at Air University, and its more than 12,500 base personnel ensure Airmen are ready to deploy in support of U.S. military operations worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Fort Rucker, which is Alabama's fifth largest employer, is the U.S. Army's Aviation Center of Excellence and its more than 14,000 soldiers and civilians train, educate and develop Army Aviation professionals and integrate Army Aviation capabilities across warfighting functions in support of commanders and soldiers on the ground; and

WHEREAS, Anniston Army Depot employs nearly 4,000 individuals and is nationally recognized as a state-of-the-art maintenance facility for its heavy combat vehicle, small arms weaponry and locomotive expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile is a multi-mission unit, acting as the Coast Guard's aviation and capabilities development center, providing core training for rotary and fixed wing pilots, rescue swimmers and aircrews for air stations Coast Guard wide; and

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, more than 25,000 Alabama National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have deployed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2020, as

Military Appreciation 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 12th day of February 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor