



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, U.S. professional truck drivers deliver safely and securely life's essentials to every home, community, school, hospital and business in America; and

*WHEREAS*, the more than 3.5 million men and women who work as professional truck drivers who serve this nation, are among the safest of all drivers, and are dedicated to safety on our highways and in our workplaces, to the industry they work in, and to the families and citizens of the United States of America; and

*WHEREAS*, the men and women professional truck drivers of the state of Alabama delivered for our families and communities during the coronavirus pandemic, putting their own health and wellbeing at risk; and

*WHEREAS*, the men and women professional truck drivers of the state of Alabama safely deliver more than 268,000 tons of freight each day to over 86% of Alabama communities who depend solely on the professional truck drivers to receive their goods; and

*WHEREAS*, the professional truck drivers who keep the shelves of our local supermarkets fully stocked; deliver medicine and medical supplies to hospitals and clinics; and deliver goods at every stage of production – from raw materials to the store shelf; should be honored; and

*WHEREAS*, in 2015, the Alabama trucking businesses provided 111,790 jobs – or one out of 14 in the state; and

*WHEREAS*, the efficiency and safety that these drivers guarantee allow businesses and private citizens to confidently ship goods across state lines and throughout America; and

*WHEREAS*, during our state's most challenging times and in moments of natural disasters, professional truck drivers are among the first to respond, bringing critical goods to aid in our recovery; and

*WHEREAS*, in recognition of the importance of professional truck drivers to our well-being and the economic value of their industry to Alabama, it is proper to honor the men and women truck drivers for their past and future contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2020, as

# National Truck Driver Appreciation 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor