



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, we are all charged with embracing and nurturing vulnerable children, youth and at-risk families; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's children experience hardships no child should have to face, including neglect, abuse and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, each year there are more than 28,000 incidents of child abuse and neglect reported to the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR); and

WHEREAS, we should strive to be there for children in need of care when those closest to them aren't able to adequately provide that care; and

WHEREAS, we can't change the wrongs our children have experienced in the past, but we can do what is right in the hopes of changing the trajectory of their future; and

WHEREAS, we believe all children have the fundamental right to be raised in a safe and nurturing environment with a strong support system that helps them grow and thrive as they prepare for adulthood; and

WHEREAS, together our communities can help break this cycle of neglect, abuse and abandonment by providing homes, healing and hope for Alabama's vulnerable children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 11 – 17, 2021, as

Embrace Alabama Kids Week

in the state of Alabama and encourage all Alabamians to help embrace and nurture vulnerable children, youth and at-risk families



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 14th day of March 2021.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor