

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who deeply cherish the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of Law; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tsai Ing-wen successfully won reelection in 2020 as the 15<sup>th</sup> President of Taiwan, and along with her Vice President Lai Ching-te, she hopes to continue to build the country's already rich tradition of economic vitality, cultural growth and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States'  $10^{th}$  largest trading partner and is the 15th largest export market in the world; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan supports more than 370,000 well-paying jobs in the United States, and the bilateral trade relationship between Taiwan and the United States is both mutually beneficial and highly productive; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, Taiwan and Alabama have enjoyed long, cordial and mutually beneficial sister-state relations; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Alabama imported \$231.71 million in products from Taiwan and exported \$137.55 million in products to Taiwan; and

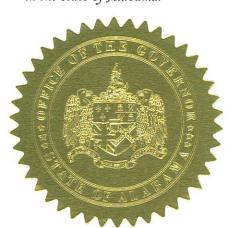
WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the international community with a long history of commitment to international health, humanitarian aid and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan has donated 80,000 surgical masks and 20,000 N95 to assist the people of Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October  $10^{th}$ , 2020, as

## Republic of China (Taiwan) 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 7th day of October 2020.

Kay Ivey, Governor