

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the family serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our state; and

WHEREAS, in Alabama, there are approximately 6,345 children and older youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home by compassionate and nurturing foster families; and

WHEREAS, foster families, who open their hearts and homes offer help to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect, launching children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals and public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care, as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2021, as

## National Foster Care Month

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 1st day of May 2021.

Kay Ivey, Governor