

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, created by the Alabama State Department of Education Child Nutrition, the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that children continue to receive meals when schools are not in session; and

WHEREAS, since 2013, Alabama has led the Southeast in filling the summer nutritious gap in underserved areas in the state; and

WHEREAS, a total of 2,972,797 meals were served in 2019, compared to 45,983,558 meals in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Break for Plate, Alabama was developed to promote the need for more sponsors in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) targeted areas where SFSP participation is low; and

WHEREAS, Break for a Plate is a SFSP created to ensure all of Alabama's children can continue to receive nutritious meals throughout their summer vacation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to have regular healthy meals throughout the summer; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021 was the 1<sup>st</sup> official kick—off for SFSP at Wetumpka Middle School to recognize Fresh Fruit & Vegetables month; and

WHEREAS, the state department of Alabama Child Nutrition section, will recognize the second week of July 2021 as "Farm to Summer" week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim July 12-16, 2021, as

## Farm to Summer 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 1st day of June 2021.

Kay Ivey, Governor