



# *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 5,800 children and older youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home by compassionate and nurturing foster parents and caregivers; and*

*WHEREAS, despite the challenges the last couple years, foster parents and caregivers answered the call to meet unprecedented needs for youth in their care; and*

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

*WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster youth, 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 2022, as*

# *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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor