

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by the women of southern ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of southern women have enhanced the freedom, prosperity and greatness of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, southern women have been recognized for their strength and nobility throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the National Society Southern Dames of America was organized in Richmond, Virginia, in November 1962 and celebrates their 60^{th} anniversary on June 2, 2022, in Prattville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this society shall be to provide the support of the entire Eye Program through contributions for ophthalmic research, donations to Eye Banks, signatures on Eye Donor cards, assistance to the blind or those visually handicapped, and the advancement of knowledge through the study of Southern culture which includes history, literature, art, music and creative arts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2022,

as

Southern Dames of America 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 18th day of May 2022.

Kay Ivey, Governor