

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Computer Science Education Week highlights the crucial role that computer science plays in transforming Alabama through enabling innovation, economic growth and technological advances; and

WHEREAS, computer science is transforming industry in Alabama, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science and bolstering productivity in established economic sectors; and

WHEREAS, the field of computer science underpins the information technology sector of our economy, which is a significant contributor to Alabama's economic output; and

WHEREAS, the outlook for computer science jobs is bright with over 4,000 open computing positions across Alabama with the current average salary for a computing occupation paying \$80,000, which is significantly higher than the average salary in the state; and

WHEREAS, providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to the rich opportunities the field offers and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Grace Murray Hopper, one of the first females in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many advancements in computer science; and

WHEREAS, the week of December 5, in honor of Grace Hopper's birthday, is designated as Computer Science Education Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim December 5 through December 11, 2022, as

Computer Science Education 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 7th day of December 2022.

Kay Ivey, Governor