

## Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential achieved upon completion of a voluntary and rigorous assessment program designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards based on what teachers should know and be able to do; and

WHEREAS, National Board-Certified Teachers (NBCT) are nationally recognized as being among the best teachers in the profession; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the students of Board-Certified teachers outperform their peers in the classroom on achievement tests, and that schools and districts with a high concentration of NBCTs see marked improvements in school culture, collaboration and teacher retention; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to have more than 3,452 teachers who have obtained board certification; and

WHEREAS, Alabama ranks  $12^{th}$  in the nation for the percentage of teachers who are board certified and fifth in the nation for new NBCTs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 13 through March 17, 2023, as

## National Board-Certified Teachers 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 14th day of February 2023.

Kay Ivey, Governor