

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors, individuals and organizations to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families annually designate a week as "Blue Star Welcome Week"; and

WHEREAS, during this week, we recognize the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

WHEREAS, only 33 of military family respondents to the 2022 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and

WHEREAS, a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families; and

WHEREAS, we commit to ensuring that military-connected and Veteran-connected families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and

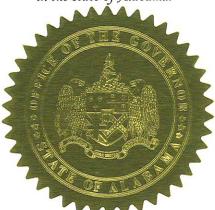
WHEREAS, we express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members, veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, we encourage civilians nationwide to welcome military- and Veteran-connected families into their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 23 through October 1, 2023, as

Blue Star Welcome 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 29th day of August 2023.

Kay Ivey, Governor