Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral scleroris (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurogenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord making even the simplest movements such as walking, speaking and gesturing nearly impossible; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS; and

WHEREAS, ALS has no cure and finding the cause of and cure for ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their lives; and

WHEREAS, former Auburn Basketball player, Gary Godfrey, and former Alabama Football running back, Kerry Goode, were both diagnosed with ALS; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Goode, two "rivals," are teaming up to defeat ALS; and

WHEREAS, Charles Barkley and Cornelius Bennett are team captains, respectively representing Auburn University and The University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with sports marketing agency, MELT, Modo Modo Agency, the ALS Association, Auburn University and The University of Alabama, the first Kerry & Garry Challenge will be executed to raise funds for Alabama families facing ALS challenges; and

WHEREAS, with the annual cost reaching $250,000 to care for an ALS patient, Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Goode's second annual fundraiser, leading up to the Iron Bowl, encourages each fanbase to unite and raise proceeds for Alabamians affected by ALS; and

WHEREAS, for more information and ways to participate and donate in the Kerry & Gary Challenge Compete to Defeat ALS, please visit thekerryandgarychallenge.com;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 20 through November 26, 2023, as

Kerry & Gary Challenge Compete to Defeat ALS 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 16th day of November 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor