

## **Proclamation**

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the great state of Alabama, nestled in the heart of the South, is commemorating its  $204^{th}$  birthday on December 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's entry into the Union as the  $22^{nd}$  state on December 14, 1819, marked a pivotal moment in American history, solidifying its place as a beacon of Southern heritage, culture and resilience; and

WHEREAS, for over two centuries, Alabama has stood as a testament to the enduring spirit of its people, who have shaped its landscapes, cultivated its traditions and contributed immensely to the tapestry of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's legacy is one of innovation, progress and unwavering strength, fostering advancements in agriculture, industry, science and the arts; and

WHEREAS, on this momentous occasion, it is fitting to honor and pay tribute to the diverse communities and individuals whose dedication, sacrifices and perseverance have enriched the history and character of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, today, all Alabamians should reflect upon the remarkable journey of our state, celebrating the triumphs, acknowledging the challenges and recommitting ourselves to building a future that is even stronger than our past;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim December 14, 2023, as

## Alabama Day

in the state of Alabama, and I wish our state a very Happy  $204^{th}$  Birthday!



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 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

Kay Ivey, Governor