

## **Proclamation**

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the peanut is the official state legume of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the peanut industry contributes \$211.4 million yearly to the economy of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 900 farm families who grow peanuts on 165,000 acres in 33 counties across the state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama produces over 500 million pounds of peanuts annually, and the majority of the peanuts grown in the state are used to make peanut butter and candy; and

WHEREAS, at 7 grams per one ounce serving of shelled peanuts, the peanut offers more protein than any nut; and

WHEREAS, it only takes 3.2 ounces of water to grow 1 ounce of shelled peanuts, which is less than any nut;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2024, as

## Peanut Month

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 5th day of March 2024.

Kay Ivey, Governor