

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education has recognized, since 1975, the National School Breakfast Program. This program has contributed to the health and educational development of Alabama's children by making nutritious meals available in public schools; and

WHEREAS, every March, the School Nutrition Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture join together to celebrate National School Breakfast Week; and

WHEREAS, research has indicated that students who eat breakfast reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math, have better concentration and memory, are more alert and maintain a healthy weight; and

WHEREAS, scientifically based nutrition information contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, this program helps Alabama students have a strong start and strong finish to each day as they fuel their brain to prepare for their future and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama School Breakfast Program served over 43,855,787 breakfast meals for the 2022-2023 school year to Alabama students; and

WHEREAS, I express my appreciation to the Alabama school nutrition professionals who make the local School Breakfast Program available in 1,272 school sites statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 11 through March 15, 2024, as

## National School Breakfast 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 March 2024.

Kay Ivey, Governor