

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, surviving a crime can have myriad lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social and financial issues; and

WHEREAS, we know that countless survivors never tell anyone about what happened to them; and

WHEREAS, each of us has a moral responsibility to actively participate in the healing of others; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support but also access to critical services and, above all, hope; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, colleagues, neighbors and family members are capable of providing victim-centered, trauma-informed and culturally responsive support; and

WHEREAS, we must listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice; and

WHEREAS, we must do everything we can to show survivors that hope — the belief that the future will be better — is not just tangible but within their reach; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week encourages and prompts all people help these victims; and

WHEREAS, Victims of Crime and Leniency is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services and hope for crime survivors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 6 through April 12, 2025, as

## Crime Victims' Rights 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 1st day of April 2025.

Kay Ivey, Governor