



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System (ACCS), comprised of 24 public community and technical colleges, is the largest postsecondary education and training network in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the 24 community and technical colleges serve as a launchpad for opportunity for more than 140,000 individuals annually - regardless of age, background or prior educational experience - by offering high-quality, affordable education and training across the state; and

WHEREAS, through open enrollment, Alabama's community colleges meet students where they are. With more than 130 physical locations, online class offerings and more than 300 degree and certificate programs, the ACCS makes education and training accessible for every Alabamian; and

WHEREAS, 96 percent of our students are from Alabama and 70 percent of our graduates remain in Alabama, work in Alabama and invest in Alabama, generating more than \$8.1 billion to the state's economy and supporting one out of 26 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's community colleges are expanding pathways through dual enrollment programs that allow students to earn college credit while still in high school—giving them a head start on a career, a credential or a degree at a lower cost; and

WHEREAS, academic transfer programs provide students with a seamless pathway to further their education at four-year institutions and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System, the state's largest provider of adult literacy programs, demonstrates its commitment every day to provide pathways for individuals seeking to become better learners, parents and workers; and

WHEREAS, the impact of Alabama's community and technical colleges creates a ripple effect: Strengthening individuals, fortifying families, boosting businesses and enhancing communities in ways that last for generations. Alabama's community and technical colleges live their mission every day to Make Life Better, not just for students, but also for the communities they serve;

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

Community College 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 8th day of April 2025.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor