

## **Proclamation**

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the beef cattle industry is one of the largest segments of the Alabama agricultural community, consisting of over 17,000 cattle farms statewide and representing a \$2.5 billion industry; and

WHEREAS, cash receipts from the sale of cattle and calves in 2017, reached \$558 million, which ranks second in cash farm income among Alabama farm commodities; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has more than 1,300,000 head of cattle and calves and ranks  $16^{th}$  in the United States in beef cow numbers; and

WHEREAS, there are over 30 lean cuts of beef containing high levels of zinc, iron, protein, B-vitamins and minerals; and

WHEREAS, the beef industry in response to consumer demands, continues to develop versatile, healthy and high-quality beef products; and

WHEREAS, Alabama cattle producers make a vital contribution to the economy of Alabama by raising healthy cattle and preserving the land for the next generation; and

WHEREAS, the 10,500 members of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and Alabama CattleWomen's Association encourage the people of Alabama to join with them in serving beef on Father's Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 30, 2018, as

## Beef for Father's Day

 $in \ the \ State \ of \ Alabama \ and \ commend \ the \ observance \ thereof \ to \ the \ citizenry \ of \ this \ state.$ 



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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

Kay Ivey, Governor