

ProclamationBy the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day is an annual national and international celebration of great teaching and learning in K-12 schools, celebrating its seventh year in 2018; and

WHEREAS, teachers, students and schools across the nation are using innovation and technology to transform and improve education; and

WHEREAS, since Digital Learning Day's inception, thousands of teachers and schools across the country and around the world have held local activities supporting the event; and

WHEREAS, digital learning offers new and exciting ways for students to learn daily; and when used effectively, modern technology can make life more efficient, accessible, richer and faster for all; and

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day provides each teacher, student, parent and school with the opportunity to learn how to use technology in combination with great teaching to modernize, personalize and improve learning; and

WHEREAS, today's world demands the nation have a highly trained workforce skilled in the use of technology and digital content in order to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day provides an opportunity for the U.S. education system to embrace the effective use of technology in a positive and transformative manner, as have most successful industries and businesses across the nation and world; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. education system has yet to fully capture the potential that the effective use of technology can provide to improve and personalize instruction, allowing students to learn in the best individual way; and

WHEREAS, digital learning and the effective use of technology can assist every teacher by providing real-time information to track individual student progress, create improved and efficient learning processes giving teachers more flexibility and time to spend with each student, and eliminate bureaucratic administrative burdens that take time away from teaching; and

WHEREAS, it is important that any change in learning methods and infusion of technology in schools be done in a high-quality manner that best helps every student and ensures appropriate spending of public funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2018, as

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in the State of Alabama and encourage teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers and the public to participate in Digital Learning Day activities and use it as a day to explore and learn about new types of innovation in the classroom and promote promising practices in digital learning already taking place in classrooms around the nation and 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 11th day of January 2018.

Kay Ivey, Governor