



## *Proclamation*

### *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the service provided by pastors and their families is distinctive and safeguards the spiritual wellbeing of the members of their congregations that reach out into the surrounding communities; and*

*WHEREAS, pastors invest themselves and the majority of their families' lives in the ministry, facing the pressure of sometimes unrealistic expectations to be the "ideal role model" for their congregation, to be available whenever a member needs assistance, to have all the answers and to provide counseling, comfort and instruction under intense pressure to "be right"; and*

*WHEREAS, because a pastor represents a leader, spiritual guide, visionary, shepherd, overseer, teacher, preacher and many more things to a congregation, they hold a key role in the quality of life in our cities; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is blessed to have many congregations with pastors who invest their time to the betterment of the community and who encourage a strong spiritual security on a daily basis;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim*  
*October 2017, as*

## *Pastor Appreciation 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
October 2017.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*