



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in order to lift the Tennessee Valley out of the depths of the Great Depression, asked Congress as part of his New Deal proposals to create "a corporation clothed with the power of government but possessed of the flexibility and initiative of a private enterprise;" and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1933, Congress responded by passing the Tennessee Valley Authority Act establishing a corporation charged with improving flood control of the Tennessee River, supporting agricultural and industrial development in the valley, and other responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, this corporation, known as TVA, pioneered innovative strategies for solving challenges in areas such as power production, navigation, flood control, malaria prevention, reforestation and erosion control; and

WHEREAS, TVA contributed greatly to the valley's agricultural production by developing fertilizers, teaching farmers how to improve crop yields and launching other initiatives; and

WHEREAS, TVA helped improved the valley's economic prospects by providing electricity generated by dams, making life easier for the valley's residents and attracting industry to provide needed jobs; and

WHEREAS, TVA in the 1960s, helped pioneer the safe use of nuclear power in the United States in order to meet rising demand for energy; and

WHEREAS, TVA successfully focuses on its core mission of providing wholesale electric power competitively, efficiently and reliably; and

WHEREAS, TVA's power system operates at high levels of dependability, achieving 99.999 percent reliability on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, TVA is the nation's largest public electric power company, serving 9 million residents in the valley's seven-state region; and

WHEREAS, 85 years after President Roosevelt and Congress demonstrated the wisdom and foresight to create the Tennessee Valley Authority, it is clear that TVA has more than fulfilled its charge and ushered an unprecedented era of growth and prosperity into the valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2018, as

TVA Appreciation Week

in the State of Alabama and urge all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



*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 May 2018.*

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor