



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, the XXIII Winter Olympic Games will be hosted in PyeongChang, the Republic of Korea from February 9 through 25, 2018, and will also serve as the location for the XII Paralympic Winter Games from March 9 through 18, 2018; and

*WHEREAS*, this will mark the first time in 30 years that the Winter Olympic Games will be held in Korea since the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988; and

*WHEREAS*, the motto for the Winter Olympic Games – *Passion. Connected.* – refers to a world in which everyone is connected with a shared passion for all that the Winter Olympic Games represent, and for the continued growth of winter sports; and

*WHEREAS*, the State of Alabama holds dear its relationship with the Republic of Korea with over 100 Korean companies operating in Alabama, the State welcomes future Korean corporations that seek to develop an economic partnership with Alabama; and

*WHEREAS*, because of this blossoming economic relationship and the resulting increase in Korean families relocating to Alabama, Alabama enjoys a vibrant Korean population of approximately 13,000 that contributes to the cultural richness and diversity of the State; and

*WHEREAS*, the State of Alabama, through its Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, seeks to ensure the inclusion of its increasing Korean communities in the success and prosperity of the State by working closely with key Korean organizations such as: the Korean American Association of Alabama; the Alabama - Korea Education and Economic Partnership (AKEEP); and the Federation of Korean Associations of SE USA – which represents over 200,000 Korean-Americans in the Southeastern United States; and

*WHEREAS*, PyeongChang 2018, will be the stage for the greatest number of women's and mixed events in the history of the Winter Olympic Games; and

*WHEREAS*, Alabama's own Vonetta Flowers of Birmingham, Alabama, made history in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games when she became the first African-American to win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics (U.S. Women's Bobsled); and

*WHEREAS*, Alabama will be cheering another one of its own, John Zimmerman IV, of Birmingham, Alabama, as he travels to PyeongChang 2018, to coach in the Figure-Skating Competition.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 9 through February 25, 2018, as

# XXIII Winter Olympic Games Celebration

in the State of Alabama, and encourage all Alabamians to support the Games.



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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor