



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, we have all witnessed racial divisiveness rising in America's urban, rural, suburban and tribal communities today that threatens the very core of this great country's unified front; and

WHEREAS, just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this country and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, we understand and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country and we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society so that all children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow and thrive in nurturing environments that don't violate their safety, dignity and humanity; and

WHEREAS, every single person has the capability to make a simple change within him or herself that can have a profound effect on an entire society; and

WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking, behavior, and systems that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and

WHEREAS, racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental and over all well-being of all our children; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges January 21, 2020 as the "National Day of Racial Healing," and urges all citizens to promote racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means of working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2020 as

National Day of Racial Healing

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 17th day of January 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor