



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards such as earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, winter storms or wildfires, and

WHEREAS, the unforeseen nature of earthquakes warrants Alabamians to be continually prepared for such an occurrence; and

WHEREAS, responding adequately to earthquakes and other natural disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all participants in our communities- individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses, and government; and

WHEREAS, three zones of frequent earthquake activity affecting Alabama are the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ), the Southern Appalachian Seismic Zone (SASZ) (also called the Eastern Tennessee Seismic Zone), and the South Carolina Seismic Zone (SCSZ). A major earthquake could result in great loss of life and property damage in the billions of dollars. A large earthquake could result in significant damage in northern Alabama and would have a significant economic impact on Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Emergency Management cooperates with other state and federal government agencies, including the Alabama Geological Survey Agency, the Central United States Earthquake Consortium, local emergency officials and others, to prepare Alabamians for natural disasters, including earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2017 at 10:19 a.m., Alabama joins other states in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, a simultaneous, multi-state earthquake drill, designed to strengthen statewide and regional resiliency:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2017, as

Great Central U.S. ShakeOut Day

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 28th day of
September 2017.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor