



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, our health, safety, and wellbeing are often dependent on the commitment of all first responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, safety service patrol operators, DOT and public works crews and tow operators who respond to traffic incidents and conduct valuable and often life-saving operations on the roadside; and

WHEREAS, these on-scene personnel provide a critical public service and are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse conditions and in a dangerous roadside environment; and

WHEREAS, many traffic incident management responders are seriously injured or lose their lives each year while performing their duties as a result of being struck by speeding, impaired, drowsy or distracted motorists and motorists who are not aware of Quick Clearance laws; and

WHEREAS, responder and response vehicle strikes also result in life-altering injury or death of the involved motorist and passengers and place upstream road users at greater risk of a crash; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has a Move Over law and is committed to protecting the traffic incident management responders who are at the scene of roadway crashes; and

WHEREAS, many motorists are unaware of, or do not adhere to, Quick Clearance laws, which aim to move vehicles out of travel lanes after minor traffic incidents to improve road user and responder safety; and

WHEREAS, Alabama asks all road users to do their part in keeping everyone who responds to traffic incidents safe by following the Move Over and Quick Clearance laws and by driving safely;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 18 through November 22, 2024 as

Crash Responder Safety Week

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 14th day of November 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor

