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HIR___ RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR ALABAMA SERVES DAY IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the need for Alabama Serves Day in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, only 27.4 percent of Alabama residents spend time volunteering, ranking Alabama 42nd in volunteerism among the 50 United States; Alabama is ranked 37th among states for parent volunteering at 38 percent; volunteering among teenagers has consistently declined over the last 15 years; the disadvantages of low volunteerism rates include greater social isolation, less trust of others, and declining physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous benefits of volunteering; it strengthens communities; increases volunteers' emotional, physical, and mental strength; discourages antisocial behavior; encourages civic participation; boosts socioeconomic achievement by supplying volunteers with direct benefits and supplying communities with indirect benefits; and builds communities' social capitals by working with neighbors, discovering new ways of cooperation and compromise, becoming more aware of and understanding



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26 differences in individuals, and constructing bonds,
27 relationships, and ties among one another; and

28 WHEREAS, Alabama Serves Day shall be a day, or
29 multiple days, set aside each year for Alabamians to take
30 off of work and serve wherever they want; the day, or days,
31 that are set aside will take place during the second week of
32 April; now therefore,

33 BE IT RESOLVED, That we hereby recognize the
34 importance of the need for Alabama Serves Day in the State
35 of Alabama.