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4 HJR____ SEEKING ALMIGHTY GOD'S HAND OF EVER-PRESENT MERCY AND
5 HEALING ON ALABAMA.

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7 WHEREAS, we acknowledge that our national and state
8 founders trusted in the omnipotent hand of Providence to
9 bless our land and to guide their actions; and

10 WHEREAS, we recognize that these founders established
11 our nation and our state on the Judeo-Christian values
12 outlined in the Bible, including the concept that
13 governments are established by God to protect the rights of
14 the individual and the teachings to "do unto others as we
15 would have them do unto us" and to love our neighbors as
16 ourselves, and that from these ideas, the spirit of
17 Alabama's hospitality flows; and

18 WHEREAS, the framers of the United States
19 Constitution, recognizing free exercise of religion as an
20 unalienable right, secured its protection in the First
21 Amendment to the Constitution, and the framers of the
22 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, also recognizing this
23 right, secured the protection of religious freedom in
24 Article I, Section 3; and

25 WHEREAS, we understand that only a continued
26 commitment and adherence to these values and the laws of
27 Nature and Nature's God, coupled with a dedication to our
28 Constitution, can thwart the forthcoming attacks against our

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29 state values; and

30 WHEREAS, we are thankful that Alabama has been
31 blessed by Providence with abundant resources and a
32 prosperity resultant from liberty; and

33 WHEREAS, we are grateful for the periods of economic
34 stability Alabama has enjoyed; and

35 WHEREAS, despite these blessings, our citizens and
36 neighbors still continue to face many challenges; and

37 WHEREAS, our citizens and neighbors continue to have
38 concerns about the security of our national borders and
39 attacks on our institutions and way of life; and

40 WHEREAS, exposing, resisting, and removing corruption
41 from all levels of government is vital to maintaining
42 liberty for all citizens; and

43 WHEREAS, we ask that true justice and the rule of God
44 be established out of Alabama; let people of kingdom
45 understanding now be positioned to rule; let kingdom minded
46 statesmen and stateswomen arise; let Alabama be known across
47 the nation as a land where justice and God's rule are
48 established; let Alabama be a model state to the entire
49 nation in the name of Jesus; and

50 WHEREAS, human trafficking (slavery) was, is, and
51 forever will be an unacceptable evil in our state and nation
52 that destroys the lives of thousands, depriving them of
53 their Creator-endowed rights to Life, Liberty, and the
54 Pursuit of Happiness; and

55 WHEREAS, acts of criminal violence in our communities
56 are and will remain unacceptable; and

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57 WHEREAS, the dependence on and the addiction to drugs
58 and alcohol will continue to overwhelm our government
59 finances, our health care and mental health systems, and our
60 law enforcement resources, adversely affecting workforce
61 productivity and damaging families; and

62 WHEREAS, building strong and committed families where
63 the father and mother are committed to one another, their
64 children, and their community is foundational to a healthy
65 Alabama; and

66 WHEREAS, the suicidal and infanticidal tendencies
67 bombarding our culture from all directions belie the truth
68 that everyone's life has value because we are created in the
69 image of God; and

70 WHEREAS, Alabama is a pro-life state, and the
71 sanctity of life is recognized and supported in the
72 Constitution of Alabama of 2022 from the moment of
73 conception; this is a foundational principle that must be
74 protected; and

75 WHEREAS, we know that societies that fail to honor
76 all life cannot survive; and

77 WHEREAS, throughout our history, our leaders have
78 called people to seek the Creator's favor and mercy by
79 issuing proclamations like the one issued by John Adams on
80 March 23, 1798:

81 "As the safety and prosperity of nations ultimately
82 and essentially depend on the protection and the blessing of
83 Almighty God; and the national acknowledgment of this truth
84 is not only an indispensable duty which the People owe to

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85 Him, but a duty whose natural influence is favorable to the
86 promotion of that Morality and Piety, without which social
87 Happiness cannot exist nor the Blessings of a Free
88 Government be enjoyed; and as this Duty, at all times
89 incumbent, is so especially in seasons of Difficulty or of
90 Danger, when existing or threatening Calamities, the just
91 Judgments of God against prevalent Iniquity, are a loud call
92 to Repentance and Reformation...Under these considerations
93 it has appeared to me that the Duty of imploring the Mercy
94 and Benediction of Heaven on our Country demands, at this
95 time, a special attention from its Inhabitants"; and

96 WHEREAS, we recognize our duty to legislate
97 responsibly but also understand that solving these problems
98 will require the blessing and protection of Almighty God and
99 a unity of purpose within our communities; and

100 WHEREAS, we hold that "...except the Lord keep the
101 city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Ps. 127:1(b)); now,
102 therefore,

103 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
104 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the period of September 1
105 through September 30 of each year be recognized as a time of
106 prayer and fasting in Alabama.

107 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we desire the continued
108 blessing of Almighty God on Alabama, recognizing that He, as
109 Creator and the King of all Glory, holds all authority to
110 both judge and bless nations, states, and peoples.

111 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we recognize our sins
112 and shortcomings, both individually and as a people, and

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113 humbly ask His forgiveness.

114 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we ask the Lord Jesus to
115 remove corruption, criminal violence, and addiction from our
116 state and our nation, restore marriages and strengthen
117 families, and bring about a righteous unity of vision and
118 purpose for all Alabamians.

119 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we ask the Holy Spirit
120 to move within the halls of government, our classrooms, our
121 businesses, our places of worship, and our homes, bringing
122 peace, hope, love, kindness, goodness, gentleness,
123 faithfulness, temperance, forbearance, and joy.

124 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon those who
125 are physically able and spiritually inclined to join with us
126 annually during the month of September in a season of prayer
127 and fasting, humbling ourselves before Him, asking His
128 forgiveness, and seeking His blessings, grace, and mercy so
129 that we, our communities, our state, and our nation will be
130 transformed.