



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Law Day honors the rule of law as a fundamental right of citizens, providing the opportunity to live in a society of equality and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Law Day was first proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on May 1, 1958; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, the United States Congress encoded the presidential practice into law, statutorily designating May 1 as Law Day; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 800th anniversary of a milestone in legal history, the sealing of Magna Carta at Runnymede, England, in 1215; and

WHEREAS, the founders of our nation drew upon the principles of Magna Carta in drafting the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, Magna Carta has become one of the world's most enduring symbols of liberty under law; and

WHEREAS, Magna Carta continues to be a source of inspiration in the international struggle to advance human rights; and

WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the roots of our freedom is an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and the citizens of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has identified the 2015 Law Day theme as, "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2015, as

Law 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 18th day of March 2015.

Robert Bentley

Robert Bentley, Governor