



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS an extraordinary occasion exists in the State of Alabama which requires the Legislature to convene in special session, *see* Ala. Const. art. V, § 122;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim and direct that the Legislature of the State of Alabama shall convene in special session at the seat of government, in the Alabama State House, in Montgomery, Alabama, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, to take up the following specifically described subjects and matters which I, as Governor—in consultation with the legislative leadership—deem necessary for the State of Alabama to best make use of certain “one-time” funds that it has received from the federal government under the American Rescue Plan Act (or “ARPA”):

- A. **ARPA—Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.** The Legislature may consider legislation to appropriate funds from the “American Rescue Plan Act—Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund” in an amount not to exceed \$443,343,362.50 to the Department of Finance to be used to deliver pandemic-related healthcare and related services through the reimbursement of eligible expenses; to improve and expand broadband network access; to improve access to clean water through water and sewer infrastructure projects; to provide tax relief to employers by replenishing the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund; and to reimburse a state agency or agencies for the costs of administering the allocations specified in such legislation.
- B. **ARPA—Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Revenue Replacement Fund.** The Legislature may consider legislation to appropriate funds from the “American Rescue Plan Act—Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Revenue Replacement Fund” in an amount not to exceed \$136,796,346.00 to the Department of Finance to be used to improve and expand broadband network access; to facilitate the expansion and use of telemedicine; to deliver pandemic-related healthcare and related services; to assist rural hospitals; to assist emergency response providers; and to reimburse the expenses of housing certain inmates in county jails during a specified portion of calendar year 2021.
- C. **ARPA—Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund.** The Legislature may consider legislation to appropriate funds from the “American Rescue Plan Act—Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund” to the Department of Finance in an amount not to exceed \$191,887,857.00 to be used to deliver broadband and related services related to the coronavirus pandemic and to enable investment in capital assets providing necessary technology infrastructure for work, education, and access to critical services.
- D. **Oversight and transparency.** Legislation making any or all of the allocations set forth above shall include reasonable oversight and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with ARPA and to promote public accountability and transparency in the use of the funds. Any legislative oversight committee established through such requirements may be authorized to request information

from the Department of Finance or any other agency or entity implementing a program financed with funds received by the State of Alabama under ARPA.

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All other legislation, beyond the legislation specifically described above, is expressly excluded from this proclamation and shall require a two-thirds vote for consideration and passage during this special session. *See Ala. Const. art. IV, § 76.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Governor of the State of Alabama and caused this proclamation to be attested by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this the 18th day of January 2022.

Handwritten signature of Kay Ivey in black ink.

Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTESTED:

Handwritten signature of John H. Merrill in black ink.

John H. Merrill
Secretary of State