



## Proclamation By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, keeping the homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and communities of Alabama safe is of the utmost importance to all of the residents of our state; and*

*WHEREAS, the presence of crime in our communities spreads fear and destroys trust and faith in others, threatening our lives, liberty and general welfare; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all of us, from all ages and walks of life, to work together with law enforcement to keep ourselves, our families and our communities safe from crime, in order to make life enjoyable for all; and*

*WHEREAS, effective crime prevention programs excel because of partnerships among law enforcement, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses and individuals who work together toward the common goal of increasing public safety; and*

*WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch has brought countless communities together, inspiring members, bridging divides and strengthening bonds through willingness of neighbors to help each other build a better community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Watch program makes it possible for neighbors to help their neighbors and to strengthen the partnership between law enforcement and the community; and*

*WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch encourages individuals groups to work directly with local law enforcement agencies to report suspicious activities and be the "eyes and ears," never intervening in a law enforcement duty; and*

*WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch, along with Crime Watch, Business Watch and other programs, is a time-honored tradition with over 25,000 programs, 7,000 law enforcement agencies and 2.5 million participants throughout the United States:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2012, as*

## Neighborhood Watch

*in the state of the 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 3rd day of July 2012.*

*Robert Bentley*

Governor Robert Bentley