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**BOB RILEY**  
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**Women's Leadership Month, 2008**  
By the Governor of the State of Alabama  
A Proclamation  
May 22, 2008

WHEREAS, women have always put a high value on humanitarian action and compassion in their work at home and around the globe; and,

WHEREAS, women look at issues in different ways with a spirit of collaboration and networking which entails a greater strength to make positive change in all realms: family life, society at large, higher education, business and the professions, and in government; and,

WHEREAS, leadership positions for American women are steadily growing in all sectors, governmental, public, and private; and,

WHEREAS, a critical time has arrived where women's leadership opportunities should be advocated still more actively and should be expressly encouraged at all levels and in all spheres; and,

WHEREAS, the American desire to put women on an equal footing is deeply rooted in the character of the State of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital that we all work together to further understand advantages in women's approach to leadership and not only to sanction and encourage but to amplify the leadership roles taken by women across the state, region and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2008, as Women's Leadership Month in the State of Alabama and urge all organizations to set an agenda of developing women leaders and creating greater opportunities for women to advance.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the Governor's Office at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2008.

Bob Riley