Proclamation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, geology and the other earth sciences are fundamental to the safety, health and welfare of Alabamians and to the economy of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are integral to finding, developing and conserving energy, mineral, biologic and water resources needed for Alabama’s continuing prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide the fundamental basis of understanding the earth system as the foundation of ecosystem management principles; and

WHEREAS, geological factors of resources, hazards and environment are vital to land management and land-use decisions made in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences contribute vitally to our understanding and appreciation of and our respect for nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of October 13 through October 19, 2013, as

Earth Science Week

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 1st day of October 2013.

Robert Bentley, Governor