



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, native wildlife populations are an integral part of Alabama's natural environment, serving as an indicator for the overall health of Alabama's statewide ecosystems; and*

*WHEREAS, each year in the U.S., more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions; 26,000 are injured; and more than 1.5 million animals are hit; and*

*WHEREAS, the average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is \$8.4 billion; and*

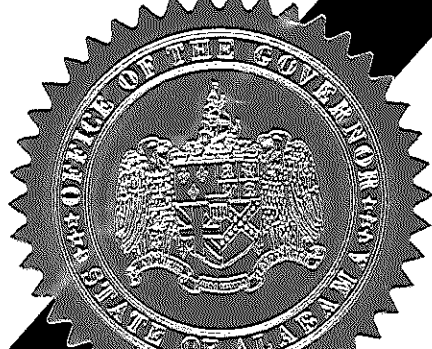
*WHEREAS, the success of wildlife movement and survival in Alabama remains dependent upon continued public education and an increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and*

*WHEREAS, wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists in Alabama:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the third week of September 2011, as*

## Watch Out For Wildlife Awareness Week

*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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.*

*Robert Bentley*

Governor Robert Bentley