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Alabama Nursing Home Association Celebrates 75 Years of Serving Alabama's Long Term Care Communities

MONTGOMERY — The Alabama Nursing Home Association (ANHA) is celebrating its 75th anniversary under the theme "75 Years of Caring and Commitment," honoring the association's history while recognizing the caregivers, leaders, and communities that continue to shape the future of long term care.

Governor Kay Ivey has proclaimed July 17, 2026, as Alabama Nursing Home Association Day in recognition of the association's 75 years of service, leadership, advocacy, and commitment to quality long term care throughout Alabama.

Since its founding in 1951, ANHA has worked alongside providers, policymakers, educators, and industry partners to advance quality care, strengthen the workforce, improve resident outcomes, and advocate for policies that strengthen long term care for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

"While healthcare has changed dramatically over the past 75 years, one thing has remained constant—the dedication of the people who care for older adults and individuals with disabilities," said ANHA President & CEO Brandon Farmer. "Our theme, '75 Years of Caring and Commitment,' reflects the compassion and dedication that have defined our members for generations. This anniversary is an opportunity to honor those who built our profession, celebrate those serving today, and recommit ourselves to ensuring Alabama's long term care communities remain strong for generations to come."

ANHA serves as the statewide voice for Alabama's long term care providers, representing approximately 98 percent of the state's licensed skilled nursing facilities and a growing number of assisted living and specialty care assisted living communities affiliated with nursing homes.

Alabama's skilled nursing facilities serve more than 58,000 residents each year and employ nearly 31,000 direct-care professionals, while contributing billions to Alabama's economy annually. These figures underscore the vital role long term care plays in both the state's healthcare system and economy.

To commemorate its anniversary, ANHA has launched a dedicated 75th Anniversary webpage featuring a commemorative timeline publication, decade highlights, the Governor's proclamation, and 75 Stories of Care campaign — a yearlong initiative highlighting the compassion, innovation, and meaningful moments

taking place every day in member facilities across Alabama.

The association is also recognizing outstanding professionals through its inaugural Leaders in Long Term Care Awards and Legends of Long Term Care Hall of Fame, with recipients to be honored during ANHA's Annual Convention on September 24, where ANHA will host its official 75th Anniversary Celebration and premiere a commemorative anniversary video.

"As we celebrate our history, we're also looking ahead," Farmer said. "Alabama's population is aging, and the need for compassionate, high-quality long term care has never been greater. We remain committed to supporting the providers and professionals who care for older adults and individuals with complex medical and supportive care needs."

To learn more about ANHA's 75th Anniversary celebration — including the timeline, 75 Stories of Care, and Governor's proclamation — visit www.anha.org.

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