



# Commendation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, 2008 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority, a four-state compact between Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee; and*

*WHEREAS, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority was initially created in 1958 to study the feasibility, cost and benefits of building a regional waterway; and*

*WHEREAS, the Authority succeeded in opening the waterway in 1985 for the purpose of providing industrial development opportunities to Alabama, the region, and the nation and to provide a waterway transportation route connecting adjacent Alabama waterways, the Port of Mobile and the Gulf of Mexico with Mid-America; and*

*WHEREAS, today, the Authority's mission is to realize the economic development potential of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to its four-state impacted region and the nation in terms of industrial development, commerce, trade, recreation, tourism and small business development; and*

*WHEREAS, the organization is currently focused on lauding the economic, environmental and logistical benefits of the waterway and waterborne transportation; and*

*WHEREAS, since its opening, the waterway has provided the basis for billions of dollars in private investment which have resulted in the creation of thousands of quality jobs; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby commend the*

## *Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority*

*on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and affirm my support for the organization's mission. I encourage the Authority to continue its work and to strive for many more years of progress, private investment and job creation. Its agenda and goals are beneficial to the State of Alabama, the region and the nation.*



*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 10th day of October 2008.*

*Governor Bob Riley*