

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

BY THE
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WHEREAS, as a result of outside agitators coming into Alabama to violate our laws and customs, outbreaks of lawlessness and mob action has occurred in Anniston, Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama; and

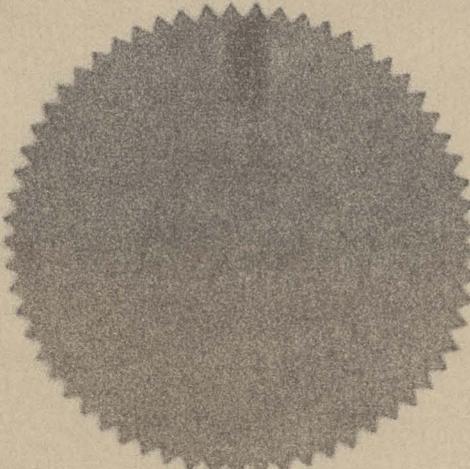
WHEREAS, the Federal Government has by its actions encouraged these agitators to come into Alabama to foment disorder and breaches of the peace; and

WHEREAS, there now exists in the City of Montgomery, Alabama a serious emergency, a defiance of the Constitution and laws of Alabama, a state of lawlessness, a breach of the peace, and there is continued and imminent danger thereof, which the local peace officers are unable to subdue:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Patterson, As Governor of Alabama and Commander in Chief of the Alabama National Guard, do hereby proclaim a state of qualified martial rule in the City of Montgomery and Montgomery County, Alabama.

I FURTHER instruct the Adjutant General of Alabama, now actively on duty with units of the Alabama National Guard in the City of Montgomery and Montgomery County, Alabama to assist and supplement the local peace officers of the City of Montgomery, Alabama, the County of Montgomery, Alabama and Alabama Highway Patrolmen, and, until further orders from me, to take appropriate measures to suppress a state of lawlessness; the breaches of the peace now or hereafter occurring, to prevent any intimidation of the citizens of this State and to prevent any violations of the laws of the State of Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State, at the Capitol in the City of Montgomery, on this the 21st day of May, 1961.


John Patterson
Governor of Alabama and
Commander in Chief of The
Alabama National Guard.

ATTEST:

Betty Trink
Secretary of State
