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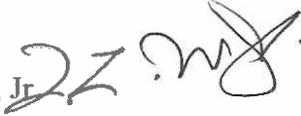
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Fiscal Officers

FROM: Mr. Thomas L. White, Jr. 
State Comptroller

RE: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

It is with great pleasure I announce that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the State of Alabama for our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2009. This is the twelfth consecutive year that the State achieved this prestigious award.

In order to receive this award, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized report. The report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

I wish to thank all State organizations for their assistance in providing supplemental financial information and transactions vital to the accuracy of this report. Without this additional information and data, production of an acceptable CAFR for audit would not be possible.

I also want to express my appreciation to Mr. Michael G. Hudson and the Financial Reporting section as well as the entire staff in the Division of Controls and Accounts. Their daily efforts, hard work and dedication to improving the accountability of State government make the quality of this report worthy of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

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CC: Honorable Bob Riley, Governor
Mr. Bill Newton, Acting Finance Director
Ms. Kay Ivey, State Treasurer
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