

# **PLAN 2010**

## ***Our Vision for Alabama***

### **INTRODUCTION**

*When I first ran for governor, we promised to make fundamental changes in the way Montgomery operates. If you look at where we were four short years ago and where we are today, there is little doubt that our promise is being fulfilled. **We have created a new day in Alabama.***

*I am proud to say that we have the strongest economy in the history of our state. Hundreds of national and international companies have planted roots here, and many existing businesses have expanded, creating the lowest unemployment rate in Alabama's history. We have made more reforms to education than any administration in my lifetime, and the classroom investments we made are working to prepare our children to compete in this 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. I am most proud to say that our administration has operated ethically and efficiently for the taxpayers. We are changing the way Montgomery thinks, and we are fundamentally changing the way it operates.*

*While we have been able to bring more reform to Alabama than any administration in history, there are some issues that we were not able to get through the Legislature. Unfortunately, some state legislators are still controlled by the special interests that have kept Alabama from realizing its full potential for so long. That is why we must elect legislators who will serve your interests, not the liberal special interests in Montgomery.*

*When I campaigned across the state in 2002, I could tell by the looks on people's faces that some had doubts about my plan for change. When I said that we would build an economy in Alabama that would lead the nation, some chuckled under their breath. When I said that we would begin to build a world-class education system, some scoffed. When I said that we would root out corruption and replace it with accountability, some wondered why we would be different than so many administrations before us. **Well, we accomplished all of those goals and more.***

*Now, I am presenting to you my vision for the next four years. It is an ambitious agenda to keep Alabama moving forward in a way that underscores our cherished values. My vision is bold, but it is achievable. And it can be accomplished **without any new taxes**. In fact, one of the clear differences in this campaign and others is that, under my plan, **families get tax cuts**.*

**By 2010**, we will build on the foundation of the past four years and create an Alabama where our children will **always** have the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

*With your help, **we will do it.***

