



DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

April 20, 2026

Dr. Quinton T. Ross, Jr.  
President  
Alabama State University

**Re: Alabama State University Emergency Declaration –**

**Jo Ann Robinson Hall HVAC Upgrades**

President Ross:

In accordance with Section 39-2-2(e), and Section 41-16-72(6) of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended with HB168, **Alabama State University** is declaring an emergency exemption for convenience and safety to facilitate the following:

The HVAC systems in Jo Ann Robinson Hall are inoperable and unrepairable. The cooling of the dormitory is provided by window mounted air conditioner units. This residence hall is essential to the student life as well as ensuring the adequate number of beds are available to support the growing student enrollment. The Spring semester ends on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and the 2026 Fall semester begins in August 2026. Due to the limited time between the semesters, facilitating the normal bid process would not allow enough time to complete the HVAC project and complete the normal summer turnover needed to ensure the hall is ready for student access for Fall.

Thus, Alabama State University intends to contract with a contractor, selected through an informal bidding process of soliciting at least three proposals, for construction services to complete the HVAC upgrades.

A copy of this request will be placed on the Alabama State University website in the Facilities Management and Operations section.

Sincerely  
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Approved  
*[Signature]*  
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