



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama retailers sell the quality produce grown in Alabama and the world-class goods made in Alabama, as well as those produced and made throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Alabama retailers employ more than 400,000 of our great state's citizens, or one of every four Alabamians employed in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, retail, food and drinking establishments account for more than \$19 billion, or 9.4 percent of Alabama's gross domestic product, placing retail in the state's top five highest-producing industries outside of government; and

WHEREAS, payroll at Alabama's retail, food and drinking establishments exceeds \$8.7 billion; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's retail sales, which exceed \$86 billion annually, account for 1.5 percent of all retail sales nationally; and

WHEREAS, Alabama retailers each year collect more than \$2 billion in sales taxes on behalf of Alabama's state government; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's retailers also supply vital income and property taxes to the state of Alabama, supporting this state as its economic backbone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2018, as

Alabama Retail Day

in the State of Alabama.



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 16th day of October 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor