



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is a participant in the National Main Street Program, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which brings national attention to the downtown revitalization of our cities and expert technical assistance and training to the program's participants; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street Alabama program is a community-based self-help program aimed at reversing the decline of central business districts, returning main streets to their traditional role as the centers of social and commercial activity and creating a healthy economic basis for growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and officials in these communities have rallied together and organized to compete for the right to participate in the program through demonstration of commitment to the Four-Point Approach® of the National Main Street Center implementation of a successful program of organization, design, promotion, and economic restructuring for their central business district and dedication to become a successful model of downtown revitalization for the state; and

WHEREAS, the organization is celebrating its 5th Anniversary and in that time has recorded these statistics as evidence of their progress in revitalizing commercial districts: 319,059,207 in private investment, 84,782,852 in public investment, a net gain of 393 new businesses, a net gain of 2,423 new jobs and 81,678 volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2019, Main Street Alabama will work with Alexander City, Anniston, Athens, Birmingham, Birmingham's Historic 4th Avenue Business District, Calera, Columbiana, Decatur, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Florence, Fort Payne, Gadsden, Headland, Heflin, Jasper, Marion, Monroeville, Montevallo, Opelika, Oxford, Scottsboro, South Huntsville and Wetumpka and add more communities in Spring, 2020, to continue growing this economic revitalization program across the great state of Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 22, 2019, as

Main Street Alabama 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 7th day of August 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor