



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Jim Smith served as the Executive Chef of the State of Alabama from 2011 until 2019; and*

*WHEREAS, Chef Smith serves as Chairman of the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission; and*

*WHEREAS, as the state chef, Chef Smith has placed an emphasis on using the best local ingredients and has made strides to encourage support of local farms and Alabama seafood; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2011 Chef Smith was crowned the King of American Seafood by winning The Great American Seafood-Cook-Off and became the national spokesperson for Alabama Seafood, American Sustainable Seafood, Gulf Seafood and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and*

*WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission, Chef Smith is proud to be a part of the great work being done to promote Alabama Seafood and is a Chef Advocate for Wild American Shrimp; and*

*WHEREAS, Chef Smith has also worked closely with The James Beard Foundation as a Boot Camp for Policy and Change Alum and supporter of James Beard Foundation's Smart Catch Sustainable Seafood and Scholarship Programs; and*

*WHEREAS, Chef Smith is best known for his appearances in seasons 14 and 16 of the acclaimed Bravo television cooking competition show, Top Chef, where he was both a fan favorite and top ten finisher;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2019, as*

# Chef Jim Smith 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.*

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*Kay Ivey, Governor*