



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Christmas on the River Barbecue Cook-off originated in Demopolis in 1989 as part of the Christmas on the River festivities; and

WHEREAS, the Cook-off is an event that involves teams from all over the world, 75 judges and 15,000 barbecue enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, four categories are included in the Christmas on the River Barbecue Cook-off: ribs, chicken, brisket, and pork; and

WHEREAS, teams are often attired in colorful outfits, known by distinctive names such as Colonel Rustys, Kickin Butt, Batwing BBQ and Mass K'oss BBQ, and are judged on congeniality, showmanship and cooking; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Demopolis Christmas on the River Barbecue Cook-off was designated as the Official Alabama State Barbecue Championship; and

WHEREAS, the winner of the Cook-off is eligible to participate in the World Championship, Kansas City Barbecue Society Cooking Contest;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim December 4 and 5, 2020, as

Christmas on the River Cook-off Days

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 26th day of October 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor