



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, on May 21, 1881, the USTA, originally known as the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, was founded in New York City, New York, to create rules and standards for the emerging game of lawn tennis; and*

*WHEREAS, the USTA is the nonprofit, national governing body for tennis in the United States, and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of play, from beginners to professionals at the US Open; and*

*WHEREAS, the USTA is the largest tennis organization in the world, with over 700,000 members from every corner of the country; and*

*WHEREAS, the USTA proudly partners with local tennis programs to showcase the important health, social and educational benefits of tennis. It makes the sport available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability, through its USTA Adaptive grants; and*

*WHEREAS, the latest research by the Physical Activity Council shows that more than 21.6 million Americans played tennis in 2020, an unprecedented 22 percent increase in participation over 2019 and the highest number of players since the PAC study began in 2007; and*

*WHEREAS, by increasing the accessibility of tennis for Alabamians of all ages and ability, the USTA has contributed to making Alabama communities happier and healthier; and*

*WHEREAS, USTA has declared the month of May as National Tennis Month to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers and more to promote local programs and activities, at parks and facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and to help players and non-players alike find courts and play opportunities in their communities;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2022, as*

# National Tennis Month

*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 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor