



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Black Business Month was founded in 2004 as an initiative to recognize Black-owned businesses across the country and highlight their importance to communities and the national economy; and

WHEREAS, Black business owners account for 10 percent of U.S. businesses and about 30 percent of all minority-owned businesses according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This amounts to approximately 2 million companies owned by African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, nearly 40 percent of Black-owned businesses are in health care and social services, repair and maintenance, marketing and advertising, sales, professional and consulting services, the restaurant industry, personal care and more; and

WHEREAS, August is National Black Business Month, and Alabama joins in celebrating and recognizing the importance of Black businesses in our local communities and state economy; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Black Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the network of eight other Black Chambers across Alabama, will host events, spotlight companies and provide resources to small business owners to encourage the community to celebrate and support Black-owned businesses beyond this month;

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

National Black Business 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 1st day of August 2022.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor