



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by small businesses who continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and*

*WHEREAS, small businesses remain the heartbeat of our communities and the American economy, employing more than half of our nation's workers, inventing and innovating to launch new technologies and creating new American-led industries. Small businesses enrich our main streets, make parts and products in America to fuel our supply chains and build our nation's infrastructure; and*

*WHEREAS, when we support small businesses, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and*

*WHEREAS, entrepreneurship continues to be one of the best pathways to the American Dream, evidenced by the remarkable small business boom, with more than 10.5 million Americans applying to start a business since January 20, 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, supporting small businesses allows us to maintain our global competitiveness and build a stronger nation where everyone can succeed; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama supports this national effort to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the American economy and their importance in ensuring that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 30 through May 6, 2023, as*

# National Small Business Week

*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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor