



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by joint resolution on April 30, 1934 and modified in 1968, proclaimed the second Monday of October of each year as "Columbus Day"; and*

*WHEREAS, Columbus Day not only memorializes Christopher Columbus' and his crew's journey to America, but it is also a day to recognize the accomplishments of all Americans of Italian descent and their impact on American society; and*

*WHEREAS, at the turn of the last century, thousands of Italian immigrants settled in Alabama, attracted by the city of iron and steel, Birmingham; and*

*WHEREAS, Italian immigrants worked in factories, mines, small farms and small businesses and went on to achieve success in every arena; and*

*WHEREAS, Italian Americans have enriched the cultural life of the state they helped build; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to be home to a distinguished population and recognizes the success Italian American men and women have made throughout the state;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as*

# *Italian American Heritage*

## *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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*