



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama retailers sell quality produce grown in Alabama and world-class goods made in Alabama, as well as products produced and made throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Alabama retailers employ almost 400,000 of our state's citizens, or one of every four Alabamians employed in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, payroll at Alabama's retail, food and drinking establishments exceeds \$10 billion; and

WHEREAS, retail trade, food and drinking establishments account for more than \$28 billion, or almost 10 percent of Alabama's gross domestic product, placing retail in the state's top six highest-producing industries; and

WHEREAS, each retail business in Alabama runs on the hopes and dreams of an individual, a family or even a whole community; and

WHEREAS, our state includes many outstanding retailers, including the 2023 Alabama Retailers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Alabama retailers, each year, collect more than \$3.8 billion in sales; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's retailers supply vital income and property taxes to the state of Alabama, supporting this state as an economic backbone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2023, as

Alabama Retail Day

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 18th day of October 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor