



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, women own nearly 13 million businesses in the United States, employ more than 9 million workers and generate more than 1.9 trillion dollars in revenue, as of 2019; and*

*WHEREAS, between 2014 and 2019, the number of women-owned businesses climbed 21 percent to a total of nearly 13 million; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama ranks 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation of women owned businesses, with a growth rate of 42 percent; and*

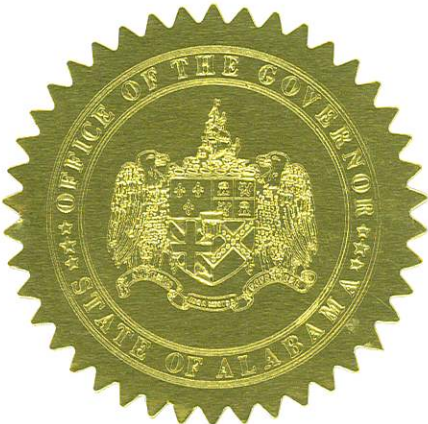
*WHEREAS, Alabama has an estimated 154,000 women owned businesses, employing over 111,000 people with a combined sales of \$19 billion; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama values entrepreneurial businesses and seeks to celebrate growth in business ownership among women in the community;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2024, as*

# Women-Owned Business 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.*

*Kay Ivey*

Kay Ivey, Governor