



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, World Trade Month has been recognized each May in the United States since 1938; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we celebrate the importance of international trade to the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, customers in 190 countries and territories buy Alabama-made goods and services; and

WHEREAS, at least 4,000 companies in the state are exporters. They create great 'Made-in-Alabama' products, which demonstrates to the global marketplace just how innovative and competitive Alabama companies are; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Alabama exports surged to over \$27.4 billion, setting a new annual record for the second consecutive year and providing another indicator that the state's economy is performing strongly; and

WHEREAS, international commerce continues to be an economic driver for Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Alabama saw nearly \$3 billion in investments from 13 different countries, supporting more than 3,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, with 95 percent of the world's consumers and 70 percent of the world's purchasing power located outside the U.S., we must encourage our home-grown and foreign-based investments to use Alabama as an export platform; and

WHEREAS, international trade is one of Alabama's priorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as

World Trade 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 May 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor