



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama is the home of nine recognized Indian tribes whose traditions and heritage have greatly contributed to the culture and history of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Indian people of Alabama were subject to the Indian Removal Act of 1832 and were forced to leave on the "Trail of Tears;" and

WHEREAS, the Trail of Tears Corridor of North Alabama recognizes the J.C.S. Hood Route, which encompasses Ross's Landing in Tennessee to Waterloo, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Tennessee Trail of Tears Association held the first Trail of Tears Commemoration and Motorcycle Ride in 1993; and

WHEREAS, this ride brings thousands of motorcycle riders and tourists to North Alabama to honor the hardships and sacrifices experienced during the Indian Removal Act; and

WHEREAS, at this year's event, there will be a commemorative walk at Waterloo, Alabama in which visitors will be allowed to see and walk on the path that the Indian people made as their forced journey to Indian territory began;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2024, as

The Trail of Tears Commemoration Walk & Motorcycle Ride

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 9th day of May 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor