



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education has annually recognized that the School Lunch Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Alabama's children by making nutritious meals available in Grades K-12 public schools; and*

*WHEREAS, every October, the School Nutrition Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture joins together to celebrate National School Lunch Week, which was established in 1962; and*

*WHEREAS, research has indicated that students who eat lunch have better attention and memory. Poor nutrition is linked with absenteeism, health problems, hunger symptoms and psychosocial problems; and*

*WHEREAS, scientifically based food and nutrition information contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary and secondary students; and*

*WHEREAS, the School Lunch Program served over 79,988,746 million lunch meals for the school year 2023-2024 to Alabama students; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to school nutrition professionals who make the local School Lunch Program succeed in 2,268 school sites statewide;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 14 through October 18, 2024, as*

# National School Lunch Week

*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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor