



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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

WHEREAS, Alabama retailers employ 409,000 of our great state's citizens, or one of every four Alabamians employed in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, retail trade plus food and drinking establishments account for almost \$31 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 2024 Alabama Retailers of the Year who support their communities; and

WHEREAS, Alabama retailers each year collect almost \$4 billion in sales taxes on behalf of Alabama's state government; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim, October 23, 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 21st day of October 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor