



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Alabama believes that small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the glue that holds communities together; and*

*WHEREAS, over 65 percent of the 33.3 million small businesses in the United States are profitable; and*

*WHEREAS, 99.9 percent of businesses in the United States are small businesses and account for 64 percent of all new jobs created every year; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama is home to 449,024 small businesses, employing 46.7 percent of Alabama citizens and making up 99.4 percent of businesses in the state; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama small businesses play a critical role in global commerce, with over 3,300 small businesses exporting \$4.4 billion worth of goods internationally, comprising 17.7% of Alabama's total exports; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama supports our local small businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and*

*WHEREAS, advocacy groups, public organizations and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and*

*WHEREAS, residents of our community and communities across the country are asked to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year;*

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

# Small Business Saturday

*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 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor