

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the commemoration of National Caribbean Heritage Month was adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2005 to acknowledge Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. The resolution passed the Senate in February 2006, and President George H.W. Bush issued the proclamation in June 2006; and

WHEREAS, since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, during Caribbean American Heritage Month, we acknowledge the significant ways Americans with roots in the Caribbean have enriched our culture and society as educators, authors, community leaders, activists, athletes, artists, musicians and politicians; and

WHEREAS, there is no single Caribbean American identity, and the mix of cultures, languages, religions and traditions across the United States and the islands reflects the diversity of spirit that defines the American story; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans have played an indelible role in many social and political movements, including the Civil Rights Movement, and their participation has helped shape American history, culture and government; and

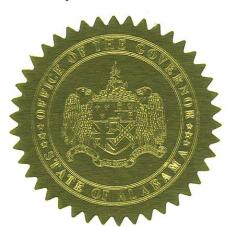
WHEREAS, the Central Alabama Caribbean American Organization (CACAO) provides opportunities for cross-cultural understanding, acceptance and interaction between people of diverse nationalities and heritage; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean American Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the significant contributions of Caribbean Americans to the history and culture of Alabama and across the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 2025, as

## Caribbean American Heritage 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 8th day of May 2025.

Kay Ivey, Governor