



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, retail is a cornerstone of Alabama's economy, supporting communities, creating jobs and driving economic growth; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's more than 50,000 retail and food service establishments contribute over \$20 billion to the state's Gross Domestic Product; and*

*WHEREAS, these businesses employ more than 560,000 Alabamians, representing about 22 percent of all jobs in the state—nearly one in every five workers; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama businesses in these sectors range from locally owned small shops and restaurants to national chains, providing essential goods and services while supporting community initiatives and local development; and*

*WHEREAS, consumers and communities alike benefit from a strong retail industry, which generates sales tax revenues that support education, public safety, infrastructure and vital public services across the state; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama Retail Day recognizes the dedication, innovation and service of the men and women working in retail and food service, and further honors Alabama's 2025 Retailers of the Year, who exemplify excellence in customer service, community engagement and business leadership:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2025, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor