



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Alabama is home to nine recognized Indian tribes whose traditions and heritage have greatly contributed to the culture and history of this state; and*

*WHEREAS, the Indian people of Alabama were subject to the Indian Removal Act of 1832 and were forced to leave on the "Trail of Tears;" and*

*WHEREAS, the Trail of Tears Corridor of North Alabama recognizes the J.C.S. Hood Route, which encompasses Ross's Landing in Tennessee to Waterloo, Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alabama-Tennessee Trail of Tears Association held the first Trail of Tears Commemoration and Motorcycle Ride in 1993; and*

*WHEREAS, this ride brings thousands of motorcycle riders and tourists to North Alabama to honor the hardships and sacrifices experienced during the Indian Removal Act; and*

*WHEREAS, at this year's event, there will be a commemorative walk at Waterloo, Alabama in which visitors will be allowed to see and walk on the path that the Indian people made as their forced journey to Indian territory began;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2026, as*

# The 33<sup>rd</sup> Trail of Tears Commemoration Walk & Motorcycle Ride 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor