



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama's maritime industry is a cornerstone of the state's economy, supporting international trade, providing thousands of jobs and strengthening the nation's national security; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Mobile serves as a vital gateway for global commerce, facilitating the movement of goods and services and enhancing Alabama's role in international trade; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's shipbuilders and maritime manufacturers are integral to the nation's defense, producing world-class surface ships, submarines and equipment that safeguard our security and support the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the maritime workforce, including shipbuilders, dockworkers, transportation professionals and supply chain managers, embodies the strength, innovation and resilience necessary for both economic success and national security; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is 10th among all states in per capita jobs related to the domestic maritime industry; and

WHEREAS, the American domestic maritime industry contributes \$2.8 billion annually to the Alabama economy, including \$729.4 million in worker income; and

WHEREAS, in Alabama, there are more than 12,860 jobs associated with the industry; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is committed to advancing maritime education, workforce development and cutting-edge manufacturing to ensure the industry remains a leader in innovation and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the contributions of the maritime industry underscores its importance to Alabama's prosperity, national defense and global competitiveness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

Maritime Month

in the state of Alabama and encourage all Alabamians to honor the maritime industries contributions, celebrate its role in supporting national defense and economic development and commit to its continued growth and success.



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 14th day of May 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor