



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, small businesses are the engine of the American economy and the foundation of a free and prosperous nation, accounting for more than 99 percent of all private sector employers and creating nearly two out of every three new jobs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, from our farms and factory floors to the frontiers of technology, small businesses drive innovation, strengthen local economies and provide the products and services that keep America competitive, secure and strong; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, small business owners and workers endured an inflation crisis marked by rising prices and declining purchasing power, yet under President Donald J. Trump, inflation has come under control, real wages have begun to rise and America's entrepreneurs are once again operating with confidence and optimism; and

WHEREAS, the America First economic resurgence has produced more than 500,000 new jobs, driven small-business optimism above its 52-year historical average, secured over \$20 trillion in foreign investment commitments and delivered strong GDP growth; and

WHEREAS, our nation now stands at the threshold of a new golden era for Main Street — built on common sense, pro-growth policies that put our people, our workers and our job creators first. Prioritizing energy independence, secure borders and fair trade is restoring economic strength, self-reliance and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Working Families Tax Cuts makes the 199A small business deduction permanent, allows 100 percent expensing for new factories and equipment, expands Opportunity Zones, eliminates taxes on tips and overtime and delivers meaningful tax relief that strengthens small businesses, empowers entrepreneurs and fuels job creation in communities across Alabama; and

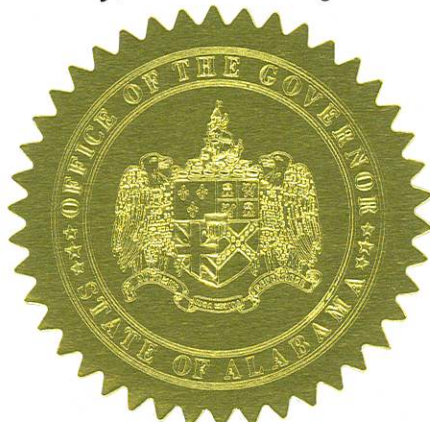
WHEREAS, National Small Business Week has been proclaimed by the President of the United States since 1963, honoring the vital role of small businesses in creating jobs, growing the economy and anchoring our communities. Alabama shares the Trump Administration's commitment to cutting red tape, keeping taxes low and fighting for the hardworking entrepreneurs who power our economy from the ground up; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the United States will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, known as Freedom 250, marking a historic opportunity to reflect on our nation's founding principle of free enterprise:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 3 through 9, 2026, as

National Small Business Week

in the state of Alabama and encourage all citizens to support small businesses and celebrate their many achievements.



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