



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the United States of America will celebrate the 250th anniversary of its founding in 2026, known as the Semiquincentennial, marking a historic milestone in our nation's journey toward liberty, self-government and the enduring promise of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama proudly recognizes the importance of commemorating this once-in-a-generation anniversary by honoring the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence and celebrating the people, places and events that continue to shape the American story; and

WHEREAS, American Village in Montevallo, Alabama, is a nationally recognized educational institution dedicated to preserving and teaching the ideals of liberty, citizenship and civic responsibility through immersive historical experiences and programs that inspire citizens of all ages; and

WHEREAS, American Village serves as a unique gathering place where Americans can reflect upon the founding principles of our nation and celebrate the legacy of freedom that unites us all; and

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home 250 Festival, to be held on July 3 and July 4, 2026, at American Village, will bring together citizens, students, veterans, families and visitors from across Alabama and beyond to celebrate America's 250th birthday with patriotic programs, educational activities and community fellowship; and

WHEREAS, this celebration will highlight Alabama's deep connection to the American story and provide an opportunity for citizens to reflect on the sacrifices made for our freedoms while inspiring future generations to cherish and uphold the values upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission continues to coordinate statewide efforts to ensure that this historic anniversary is commemorated to educate, engage and unite citizens to participate throughout the state of Alabama:

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim

American Village

as Alabama's Official Celebration Capital for the United States Semiquincentennial and recognize the Sweet Home 250 Festival, to be held July 3-4, 2026, as an official celebration of America's 250th Anniversary. I encourage all citizens, communities, schools and organizations across our state to join in commemorating this historic milestone by reflecting on our nation's founding ideals and celebrating the freedoms we cherish as Americans.



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 18th day of June 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor