



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, athletic participation has an important, positive impact on young girls, improving their physical health, self-confidence and discipline. Alabama is seeing more young people embrace these opportunities than ever before, with high school sports participation reaching a record 195,769 student-athletes during the 2025-26 school year; and

WHEREAS, women have been responsible for some of the greatest athletic feats in the sports history, from the Olympic games to professional competition, inspiring generations of girls to pursue their own dreams and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes that there are fundamental biological differences between males and females that create meaningful competitive and safety considerations in athletic competition, particularly in women's and girls' sports, and we will continue standing up for women's opportunity to compete fairly, safely and on a level playing field; and

WHEREAS, during my Administration, I am proud Alabama has taken meaningful steps to protect girls' and women's sports, including establishing protections for female student-athletes in public K-12 schools in 2021 and, through House Bill 261 in 2023, extending those protections to public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education. Alabama will continue to defend its policies; and

WHEREAS, October 10, represented by the Roman numerals "XX," reflects the two X chromosomes that are characteristic of the female sex and provides an opportunity to recognize the biological distinctions that make women and girls uniquely female and to affirm their right to participate, compete and succeed in women's and girls' sports; and

WHEREAS, we join members of Congress in celebrating the contributions and accomplishments of women throughout the history and culture of sports in the United States, and we recognize the vital role Title IX has played in expanding and protecting opportunities for female athletes. We call on sports governing bodies across the United States and around the world to uphold fair and meaningful opportunities for girls and women to compete in sports:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2026, as

Alabama Girls in Sports 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 5th day of October 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor