



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education has annually recognized that the National School Lunch Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Alabama's children by making nutritious meals available to all grade levels at public and private schools and Residential Child Care Institutions who participate in the National School Lunch Program; and

WHEREAS, every October, the School Nutrition Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture join together to celebrate the National School Lunch Week which was established in 1962 to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and how balanced nutrition throughout the day contributes to student success in and outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Week 2026 theme is "Cafeteria Circus: Where Nutrition Takes Center Stage" and invites students to experience and appreciate global cuisines; and

WHEREAS, research indicated that partaking in school lunch supports obesity prevention and overall student health by improving children's diets and combatting food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the School Lunch Program served over 86 million lunch meals for the 2025-26 school year to Alabama students; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to school nutrition professionals who make the local School Lunch Program succeed in 1,465 school sites statewide:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 12 through 16, 2026, as

National School Lunch Week

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 8th day of October 2026.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor