



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by joint resolution on April 30, 1934, and modified in 1968, proclaimed the second Monday of October of each year as Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day not only memorializes Christopher Columbus' and his crew's journey to America, but it is also a day to recognize the accomplishments of all Americans of Italian descent and their impact on American society; and

WHEREAS, at the turn of the last century, thousands of Italian immigrants settled in Alabama, attracted by the city of iron and steel, Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, Italian immigrants worked in factories, mines, small farms and small businesses and went on to achieve success in every arena; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have enriched the cultural life of the state they helped build; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to be home to a distinguished Italian population and recognizes the success Italian American men and women have made throughout the state:

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

Italian American Heritage

Month

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 6th day of October 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor