Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, retail is a cornerstone of Alabama's economy, supporting communities, creating jobs and driving economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's more than 50,000 retail and food service establishments contribute over $20 billion to the state's Gross Domestic Product; and

WHEREAS, these businesses employ more than 560,000 Alabamians, representing about 22 percent of all jobs in the state—nearly one in every five workers; and

WHEREAS, Alabama businesses in these sectors range from locally owned small shops and restaurants to national chains, providing essential goods and services while supporting community initiatives and local development; and

WHEREAS, consumers and communities alike benefit from a strong retail industry, which generates sales tax revenues that support education, public safety, infrastructure and vital public services across the state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Retail Day recognizes the dedication, innovation and service of the men and women working in retail and food service and further honors Alabama's 2026 Retailers of the Year, who exemplify excellence in customer service, community engagement and business leadership:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 5, 2026, as

Alabama Retail 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 3rd day of November 2026.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor