

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Jim Smith served as the Executive Chef of the State of Alabama from 2011 until 2019; and

WHEREAS, Chef Smith serves as Chairman of the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission; and

WHEREAS, as the state chef, Chef Smith has placed an emphasis on using the best local ingredients and has made strides to encourage support of local farms and Alabama seafood; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Chef Smith was crowned the King of American Seafood by winning The Great American Seafood-Cook-Off and became the national spokesperson for Alabama Seafood, American Sustainable Seafood, Gulf Seafood and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission, Chef Smith is proud to be a part of the great work being done to promote Alabama Seafood and is a Chef Advocate for Wild American Shrimp; and

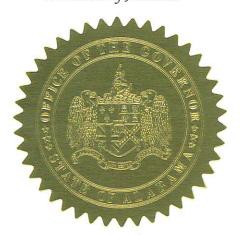
WHEREAS, Chef Smith has also worked closely with The James Beard Foundation as a Boot Camp for Policy and Change Alum and supporter of James Beard Foundation's Smart Catch Sustainable Seafood and Scholarship Programs; and

WHEREAS, Chef Smith is best known for his appearances in seasons 14 and 16 of the acclaimed Bravo television cooking competition show, Top Chef, where he was both a fan favorite and top ten finisher;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2019, as

Chef Jim Smith 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 17th day of October 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor