



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is the home of nine recognized Indian tribes, whose traditions and heritage have greatly contributed to the culture and history of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Indian people of Alabama were subject to the Indian Removal Act of 1832, and were forced to leave on the "Trail of Tears"; and

WHEREAS, the Trail of Tears Corridor of North Alabama recognizes the J.C.S. Hood Route, which encompasses Ross's Landing in Tennessee to Waterloo, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Tennessee Trail of Tears Association held the first Trail of Tears Commemoration and Motorcycle Ride in 1993; and

WHEREAS, this Ride brings thousands of motorcycle riders and tourists to North Alabama to honor the hardships and sacrifices experienced through Indian Removal; and

WHEREAS, as this year's event, there will be a commemorative walk at Waterloo, Alabama in which visitors will be allowed to see and walk on the path that the Indian people made as their forced journey to Indian territory began; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 18-20, 2020, as

The Trail of Tears Commemoration Walk and Motorcycle Ride

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 15th day of June 2020.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor