



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Alabama retailers sell the quality produce grown in Alabama and the world-class goods made in Alabama, as well as those produced and made throughout the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama retailers employ almost 400,000 of our great state's citizens, or one of every four Alabamians employed in the private sector; and*

*WHEREAS, retail, food and drinking establishments account for more than \$19 billion, or 9 percent of Alabama's gross domestic product, placing retail in the state's top five highest-producing industries outside of government; and*

*WHEREAS, payroll at Alabama's retail, food and drinking establishments exceeds \$9.2 billion; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's retail sales, which exceed \$90 billion annually, account for 1.5 percent of all retail sales nationally; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama retailers each year collect \$2.8 billion in sales taxes on behalf of Alabama's state government; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's retailers also supply vital income and property taxes to the state of Alabama, supporting this state as its economic backbone;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2020, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor