



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, women own nearly 13 million businesses in the United States, employing more than 9.4 million workers. Their businesses generated more than \$1.9 trillion dollars in revenue as of 2019; and

WHEREAS, from 2014 to 2019, the number of women-owned businesses climbed 21% to a total of nearly 13 million; and

WHEREAS, Alabama ranks 15th in the nation for women owned businesses with a growth rate of 42%; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has an estimated 154,000 women-owned businesses, employing just over 111,000 people with combined sales of \$19 billion; and

WHEREAS, March is recognized as Women's History Month, and Alabama is proud to recognize our long line of female trailblazers; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama values entrepreneurial businesses and seeks to celebrate growth in business ownership among women in the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2022, as

Women-Owned Business 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 14th day of March 2022.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor