



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of the economy and create a vast array of goods, services and jobs throughout this state and across American; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the United States (15 U.S.C. 631) recognize that encouraging and developing the capacity of small business is essential to the free market competition upon which the economic, the well-being and security of the nation depend; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1943, the National Federation of Small Business was created to represent the interests of thousands of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1949, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) succeeded to the work of the National Federation of Small Business; and

WHEREAS, NFIB has expanded to represent hundreds of thousands of small and independent businesses, including many in this state, and has advanced their ability to own, operate and grow their businesses; and

WHEREAS, NFIB ensures that the governments of the United States and the fifty states hear the collective voice of small businesses as they formulate public policies; and

WHEREAS, the small and independent businesses and the people of this state have benefitted from the work of NFIB for three-quarters of a century;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2018, as

National Federation of Independent Business Day

in the State of Alabama, and appreciate the outstanding work of NFIB on behalf of the small and independent businesses of this State and extend best wishes for their continued success.



*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 30th day of May 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor