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**United States Navy Birthday**  
**October 13, 2021**  
**Message from the Governor**

On October 13, 1775, a Continental Navy was formed by the Second Continental Congress to disrupt munition ships from supplying the British Army in America. What began as a small fleet of two armed vessels to the strongest and most powerful navy the world has ever known. It is fitting that we pause to acknowledge the Navy's long tradition of service and maritime superiority.

Today, the United States Navy celebrates 246 years of dedicated service to our great Nation. As we celebrate our rich naval history and heritage, we recognize the accomplishments of our sailors who continue to build upon the Naval Legacy. We sleep safely, knowing that countless Navy men and women "forged by the sea" safeguard our Nation from imminent danger and continuously maintain freedom of the seas.

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor Talauega and our families, we honor and celebrate our sailors, both past and present. We thank you for your enduring commitment to defend our nation with unwavering resolve.

Happy 246<sup>th</sup> Birthday United States Navy and "Semper Fortis"!

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Governor