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Honoring Alabama's 200th Birthday

U.S. Postal Service Celebrates Bicentennial with New Forever Stamp

- What:** The U.S. Postal Service celebrates the bicentennial of Alabama statehood with the issuance of the Alabama Statehood Forever stamp. Alabama became the 22nd state in the union on Dec. 14, 1819. The first-day-of-issue event is free and open to the public. News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtags #AlabamaStamp and #Alabama200.
- Who:** Isaac Cronkhite, Acting Chief Human Resources Officer, U.S. Postal Service
- When:** Saturday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. CST ***Please note the new time**
- Where:** Constitution Hall Park
109 Gates Ave. SE
Huntsville, AL 35801
- RSVP:** Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at usps.com/alabamastatehood.
- Background:** Alabama's rich history stretches from its earliest inhabitants and settlement by European colonists to its significant role in the civil rights movement and its participation in the nation's space program. The state was at the center of many important events in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, including the 1965 Voting Rights March from Selma to Montgomery, a route now commemorated as a National Historic Trail.

The Alabama Statehood stamp features an existing photograph taken at sunset on May 28, 2017, in Cheaha State Park. Alabama photographer Joe Miller shot the picture from the park's Pulpit Rock Trail. Art Director William Gicker designed the stamp.

The Alabama Statehood stamp is being issued as a Forever stamp and will

always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price.

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the Postal Store at usps.com/shop, by calling 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724), by mail through *USA Philatelic* catalog or at Post Office locations nationwide.

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