



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, nearly 30 million Americans suffer from kidney disease and every year many Alabama citizens, including children, adults and elderly individuals, are diagnosed with kidney disease; and

*WHEREAS*, the depth and breadth of the nephrology nursing profession meets the different and emerging kidney disease and other health care needs of the population of Alabama; and

*WHEREAS*, the American Nephrology Nurses Association is working to advance quality care to Americans with kidney disease before they suffer complete organ failure, increase awareness in local communities, positively influence patient outcomes and keep nephrology nurses abreast of the latest treatments and kidney-related research; and

*WHEREAS*, nephrology nurses function as educators, direct caregivers and coordinators to help patients manage their lives while effectively dealing with their health issues; and

*WHEREAS*, the number of new patients diagnosed with kidney disease has doubled in each of the last two decades, the demand for nephrology nurses will persist to expand as this trend is expected to continue; and

*WHEREAS*, more qualified nephrology nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of patients who are experiencing, or are at risk for, kidney disease; and

*WHEREAS*, along with the American Nephrology Nurses Association, the Hazel Taylor Chapter of the American Nephrology Nurses Association has declared the week of September 9 through 15, 2018, as Nephrology Nurses Week to celebrate and honor the unselfish work nephrology nurses perform each day to maintain the health of thousands of individuals with kidney disease;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as

## Nephrology Nurses Week

and urge all citizens of Alabama join in honoring the nephrology nurses who care for patients with kidney disease;

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the citizens of Alabama celebrate nephrology nursing's efforts to advance patient care and reduce the incidence of kidney disease and show our appreciation for Alabama nephrology nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.



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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor