



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, pulmonary fibrosis is a serious disease that creates scarring (fibrosis) in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing limited quality of life, disability and/or death within a few short years; and

WHEREAS, in many cases there is no identified cause of pulmonary fibrosis, which is referred to as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), and about 200,000 people in the United States are estimated to be affected by IPF; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under diagnosed, and a need has been identified to increase wide-ranging awareness and detection of this imperceptible disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation will unify patients, caregivers, medical professionals and the public, by sharing and providing the latest information about advancements alongside all the work still to be done within the global pulmonary fibrosis community; and

WHEREAS, established in 2000, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is a nonprofit organization that maintains a global mission to serve as the trusted resource for the pulmonary fibrosis community by raising awareness, providing disease education and funding research. The Foundation works diligently to foster conversations and collaboration between everyone affected by pulmonary fibrosis, including those living with the disease, caregivers, the medical and research community and the pharmaceutical industry;

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

Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama and urge all citizens to become informed and involved in the fight to eradicate this serious disease.



*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 2nd day of August 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor