



Proclamation By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, blood cancers are types of cancer that can affect the bone marrow, blood cells, lymph nodes and other parts of the lymphatic system; and

WHEREAS, there are three main types of blood cancers- leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, about 174,250 people in the United States will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma, accounting for 10 percent of new cancer cases diagnosed in the U. S.; and

WHEREAS, today, an estimated 1,345,123 people in the United States are either living with, or are in remission from, leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma; and

WHEREAS, blood cancers are the third most common cause of cancer deaths in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, acute myeloid leukemia (AML) is a fast-growing form of blood cancer that progresses quickly, if not treated; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, 21,830 new cases of AML were diagnosed in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, AML is primarily diagnosed in older people, 74 percent of new cases are diagnosed in patients over 55 years old and 57 percent of new cases of AML are diagnosed in patients over 65 years old. The average age of a patient with AML is 67 years old; and

WHEREAS, 5-year survival rates among patients with AML are 27 percent for patients over 55 years old at diagnosis, and, just 5 percent for patients over age 65 at diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Blood Cancer Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to increase awareness of blood cancers, including AML, and improve diagnosis, care and treatment of blood cancers; and

WHEREAS, during Blood Cancer Awareness Month, the Alabama Department of Public Health shall make available online resources and information on blood cancer, including AML, that describes disease prevalence, symptoms and treatment options;

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

Blood Cancer Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama.



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 5th day of September 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor