



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and*

*WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and*

*WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and*

*WHEREAS, thousands of Alabama's children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and*

*WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional and learning problems, and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school and attending community activities; and*

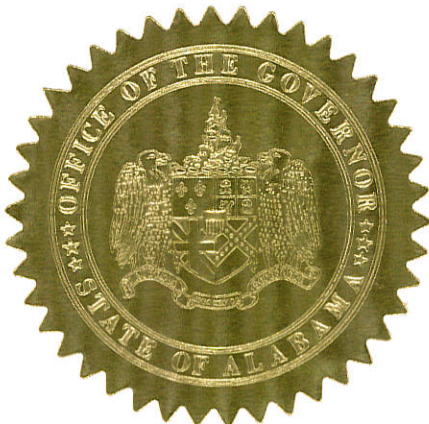
*WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and*

*WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful and intimidated;*

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

# Bullying Prevention Month

*in the State of Alabama and encourage Alabama schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions and community organizations to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.*



*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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor