



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, pharmacy is one of oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

*WHEREAS*, today, there are over 300,000 pharmacists practicing in the United States, with more than 6,200 practicing in Alabama, providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

*WHEREAS*, the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

*WHEREAS*, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and

*WHEREAS*, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy;

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

# Pharmacists Month

*in the State of Alabama and urge all citizens to acknowledge the valuable services of pharmacists in providing safe, affordable and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products.*



*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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor