



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, over 356,000 sudden cardiac arrest events occur annually in the US with over 90% of these cases fatal; and

WHEREAS, survival of sudden cardiac arrest is most likely if the victim receives life-saving defibrillation from an automated external defibrillator (AED) within the first four to six minutes, noting that every minute that passes without a shock from an AED decreases the chance of survival by 10%; and

WHEREAS, administering high-quality cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can be a bridge to life until an AED arrives to correct the heart electrical rhythm; and

WHEREAS, nearly 70% of out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest events occur in the home where family members are present and could provide life-saving CPR if trained; and

WHEREAS, all Alabamians are encouraged to learn the skills to perform high-quality CPR and use an AED to help strengthen the chain of survival; and

WHEREAS, Stop Heart Attack & Trio Safety CPR+AED are focused on equipping people with American Heart Association, American Red Cross, and American Safety & Health Institute CPR training and AEDs across the State of Alabama to help increase survival from sudden cardiac arrest emergencies and strengthen the chain of survival;

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

Sudden Cardiac Arrest 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 10th day of September 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor