



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS; over 244,000 people lose their lives every year to lung cancer; and

WHEREAS; lung cancer is not just a smoker's disease, it affects everyone no matter your gender, race or age; and

WHEREAS; the largest segment of the population being diagnosed with lung cancer today are young, otherwise healthy, non-smoking females; and

WHEREAS; although lung cancer takes more lives each year than colon, breast and prostate cancer combined, it receives only a fraction of federal research funding dollars due in part to the stigma of smoking that is attached to it; and

WHEREAS; due to a lack of recommended screenings for lung cancer, until very recently, it is not diagnosed in the early stages, when a cure is more likely and; because it's symptoms are vague and there is very little pain until the later stages, it is very often misdiagnosed for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS; promotion, advocacy and awareness are of utmost importance in making lung cancer less deadly and more treatable;

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

Lung 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 30th day of October 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor