



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and*

*WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a chronic, life-threatening lung disease marked by elevated blood pressure in the lungs; and*

*WHEREAS, without treatment, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis; and*

*WHEREAS, multiple treatments are available for PH, but it takes patients an average of nearly 3 years to be accurately diagnosed. This delay in diagnosis has not changed in the past twenty years; and*

*WHEREAS, PH patients who are diagnosed earlier have a longer life-expectancy; and*

*WHEREAS, education can help with early diagnosis and funding for research can help find a cure; and*

*WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a nonprofit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and to provide hope for the PH community through support, education, advocacy and awareness;*

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

# Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month

*and urge all the citizens to recognize the seriousness of this disease and the meritorious work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association to find a cure.*



*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 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor