



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Velocardiofacial Syndrome (VCFS), also known as the 22q11.2 deletion syndrome, is a genetic condition that causes many physical changes to the body, such as the formation of distinct facial features, and can lead to heart, bone and immune system disorders; and*

*WHEREAS, symptoms of VCFS may include cleft palate, heart complications, learning difficulties, poor eyesight, middle-ear infections, seizures resulting from low levels of parathyroid hormone, low resistance to infection, weak muscles, scoliosis and low calcium levels; and*

*WHEREAS, VCFS can be diagnosed based on a physical exam and the presence of standard symptoms. A blood test called Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) can be done and more detailed genetic tests are possible, but rare because they require much more sophisticated laboratory techniques; and*

*WHEREAS, the key to progress in the battle against VCFS is awareness;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2018, as*

# Velocardiofacial Syndrome Awareness Day

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

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor