



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Fabry Disease is a progressive, destructive, inherited disorder that causes children and adults to experience many symptoms that diminish their quality of life and may lead to premature death in adults due to strokes, kidney failure, and heart failure; and

WHEREAS, Fabry Disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that results in buildup of lipids in the body causing cell and organ damage; and

WHEREAS, there are two approved treatments available, but because the disease is severely under-diagnosed, many people live without an accurate diagnosis or opportunity for treatment until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening has now been performed in several countries, yielding a prevalence ranging from 1:1,368 to 1:8,882. This is in contrast to earlier presumed prevalence of 1:40,000-1:117,000; and

WHEREAS, health care providers and families should be aware of the many Fabry Disease symptoms and if warranted, obtain a GLA gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this treatable disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2019, as

Fabry Disease 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 15th day of March 2019.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor