



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Heterotaxy Syndrome is a congenital condition that affects the development, placement and presence of internal organs; and

WHEREAS, the public is unaware of heterotaxy syndrome, including many medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, Heterotaxy Syndrome affects many body systems and requires a team of many specialists for treatment; and

WHEREAS, families struggle to educate medical teams and are often the only common thread between medical specialties; and

WHEREAS, mortality is high, but due to lack of tracking and research, the exact numbers are unclear; and

WHEREAS, those with Heterotaxy Syndrome that survive to adulthood find their condition largely unknown to the community; and

WHEREAS, funding into causes and holistic treatment of Heterotaxy Syndrome are low; and

WHEREAS, Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media to raise public awareness about Heterotaxy Syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2019, as

Heterotaxy 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 28th day of March 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor