



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, formerly known as, hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, skin, and brain cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a number of cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early onset age—The risk includes up to 82 for colorectal cancer up to 71 risk for endometrial cancer up to 24 risk for ovarian cancer up to 13 risk for gastric cancer, up to 4-10 risk for urinary tract cancer and so forth; and*

*WHEREAS, geneticists have projected that around 1,000,000 persons throughout the U.S., live with Lynch syndrome, since one in every 279 persons have Lynch Syndrome, and studies show that only 5-10 have been diagnosed which leaves many persons vulnerable to develop cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary, qualifying affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests so that growths, polyps and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before becoming life threatening; and*

*WHEREAS, having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, on this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in Alabama, and encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share this pertinent information with their healthcare providers in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward detection and prevention;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2019, as*

## Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*