



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes many joints to be stiff and crooked at birth. A newborn with arthrogryposis lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints. This condition develops prenatally and can be caused by an underlying condition or syndrome; and

WHEREAS, AMC is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is a part of many other conditions and syndromes. There are over 400 different types of AMC of which amyoplasia and Distal Escobar Syndrome is the most common; and

WHEREAS, a newborn has to have three contracted joints in two different body areas to be diagnosed with AMC. This occurs in one in 3,000 births; and

WHEREAS, joints that can be affected by AMC include the joints in the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, as well as the jaw and the spine. Though all joints can be affected, some may be unaffected as no two people experience the same symptoms; and

WHEREAS, arthrogryposis is not curable, it is treatable. Treatment goals aim to allow those living with the condition as much independence in their daily lives as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2019, as

Arthrogryposis 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 11th day of June 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor