



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA) began celebrating Craniofacial Acceptance Month in 2005 to bring awareness to the 100,000 children each year in the United States who are either born with or develop a craniofacial difference: condition of the head and/or face; and*

*WHEREAS, individuals with craniofacial differences and their families often struggle to understand what they are facing and how to move forward in their early stages of life; and*

*WHEREAS, due to the complexity of craniofacial syndromes, the majority of affected individuals will often endure up to 30 - 40 surgeries before they reach adulthood; and*

*WHEREAS, families with a member who has a craniofacial condition are often under emotional and financial strain due to demands resulting from ongoing and expensive medical treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a lack of education and information disseminated to the general public about individuals with facial differences; and*

*WHEREAS, organizations such as Children's Craniofacial Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serves populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professions who care for them in order to empower and give hope to individuals and families affected by these facial differences, while working towards the vision of a world where all people are accepted for who they are, not how they look; and*

*WHEREAS, Children's Craniofacial Association has designated September of 2019 as the 15th year of "Craniofacial Acceptance Month," recognizing "Beyond the Face is a Heart";*

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

# Craniofacial Acceptance 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor