



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates, affects more than 5 million people in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, little is known or understood about this illness; and*

*WHEREAS, gastroparesis is paralysis of the stomach which is characterized by sometimes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss/fluctuations, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and*

*WHEREAS, there is little awareness, no known cure, and few safe, reliable, and effective medications or treatments; and*

*WHEREAS, we seek further research, improved medications, additional treatment options, better support, and hope for our future; and*

*WHEREAS, we seek to educate the citizens of our state, the medical community, and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of our condition for the good of the public health; and*

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

# Gastroparesis 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor