



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, pediatric brain cancer affects more than 28,000 children every year and is the leading cause of cancer-related death among children and adolescents. Children who have been diagnosed with pediatric brain cancer require more difficult and unique treatments as compared to their adult counterparts; and

WHEREAS, there are few challenges as daunting for families than facing the overwhelming costs associated with their child's medical treatment. In addition to the actual treatment for the patients, families also deal with the emotional and financial burdens associated with the process. Many families find it difficult to juggle the needs of their children with the responsibilities that come from everyday life; and

WHEREAS, Druids Charity Club is a non-profit group consisting of proud Alabamians who have given grants to Alabama families that have been impacted by pediatric brain cancer. These grants have gone towards assisting families with travel, lodging, household expenses, and mortgage payments. This helps provide peace of mind to families so that their priority remains on being a source of comfort and strength for their children; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is home to many nationally recognized BBQ establishments that offer diverse styles and the citizens consider it a source of great pride. Alabama has a tremendous reputation for BBQ that was established by people from all corners of the state and from all different backgrounds. BBQ is one of the state's proudest assets and traditions. The history of BBQ and BBQ festivals date back to the state's founding 200 years ago and continues today; and

WHEREAS, The Hog Days of Summer BBQ and Americana Festival is in its 3rd year of bringing people together to celebrate the tradition of Alabama BBQ and brings awareness to pediatric brain cancer. The Montgomery event features several of our states highly recognized BBQ establishments who donate their time, resources, and reputation for the cause. Hog Days has grown in attendance each year and serves as the primary fundraising source for the grants given by the Druids Charity Club. Druids encourages all Alabamians who love BBQ to attend in order to achieve the goal of assisting those Alabama families who face the challenges that come with pediatric brain cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2019, as

Hog Day of Summer

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 7th day of August.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor