Proclamation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects everyone the same way but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

WHEREAS, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS, more than one million individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular disorders; and

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, research has yielded more new drugs to treat 3 types of Muscular Diseases Duchenne, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis and Lou Gehrig’s - ALS; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community;

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

Muscular Dystrophy 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 22nd day of July 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor