



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects 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 4 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2019.

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor