



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, pregnancy is a time filled with hope and expectation. Every family hopes for an uncomplicated birth and a healthy baby, but sometimes the unexpected happens; and

WHEREAS, every year more than half a million babies are admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit, otherwise known as a NICU; and

WHEREAS, advances in neonatal medicine mean that more infants can benefit from the specialized care that NICUs can offer; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all babies in the NICU are born at normal-birth-weight and are 37 weeks gestation or older; and

WHEREAS, we need to do more research and collect more data. While the efficacy of NICU care for premature babies is undeniable, we don't know if this is true for the entire NICU cohort;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2019, as

NICU Awareness Day

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 13th day of August 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor