



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, nearly 30 million Americans suffer from kidney disease and every year many Alabama citizens, including children, adults, and elderly individuals, are diagnosed with kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the nephrology nursing profession meets the different and emerging kidney disease and other health care needs of the population of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the American Nephrology Nurses Association is working to advance quality care to Americans with kidney disease before they suffer complete organ failure, increase awareness in local communities, positively influence patient outcomes, and keep nephrology nurses abreast of the latest treatments and kidney-related research; and

WHEREAS, nephrology nurses function as educators, direct caregivers, and coordinators to help patients manage their lives while effectively dealing with their health issues; and

WHEREAS, the number of new patients diagnosed with kidney disease has doubled in each of the last two decades, the demand for nephrology nurses will persist to expand as this trend is expected to continue; and

WHEREAS, more qualified nephrology nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of patients who are experiencing, or are at risk for, kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nephrology Nurses Association, the Hazel Taylor Chapter of the American Nephrology Nurses Week has declared the week of September 8 - 14, 2019, as Nephrology Nurses Week to celebrate and honor the unselfish work nephrology nurses perform each day to maintain the health of thousands of individuals with kidney disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 8 through 14, 2019, as

Nephrology Nurses Week

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 29th day of August 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor