



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, today, there are over 254,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States, with more than 9,400 practicing in Alabama, providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

WHEREAS, the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups—both clinically and demographically; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus and level of expertise on medication therapy that exceeds that of other health care providers, are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management;

WHEREAS, Pharmacists provide both expertise and accessibility which are crucial to patients fully optimizing access to medications that are not self-administered such as, but not limited to immunizations and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care professionals to help ensure patients are adherent to their medications, and provide patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Pharmacy Association has declared October as Pharmacists Month in Alabama with the theme Pharmacists: Easy to Reach, Ready to Help

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

Pharmacists 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 21st day of August 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor