



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy (Duchenne) is the most common fatal genetic disorder diagnosed in childhood, affecting approximately one in every 5,000 live male births each year; and

WHEREAS, the Duchenne gene is found on the X-chromosome, it primarily affects boys however, it occurs across all races and cultures; and

WHEREAS, Duchenne results in progressive loss of strength and is caused by a mutation in the gene that encodes for dystrophin. Because dystrophin is absent, the muscle cells are easily damaged. The progressive muscle weakness leads to serious medical problems, particularly issues relating to the heart and lungs. People with Duchenne typically live into their late twenties; and

WHEREAS, Duchenne can be passed from parent to child, but approximately 35 of cases occur because of a random spontaneous mutation. In other words, it can affect anyone. Although there are medical treatments that may help slow its progression, there is currently no cure for Duchenne; and

WHEREAS, because it is a rare disease, one of our greatest tools in the fight to end Duchenne is raising awareness; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2019 the fifth World Duchenne Awareness Day will take place. Duchenne organizations around the world will raise awareness for all people living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2019, as

World Duchenne 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