



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat. Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, food allergy results in more than 200,000 emergency department visits each year. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment is up sharply over the past decade, with a 377 percent rise in insurance claim lines with diagnoses of anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to provide them hope through the promise of new treatments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 12-18, as

Food Allergy Awareness 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 4th day of September 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor