



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, 22q11.2 deletion syndrome is where there is a small amount, termed microdeletion, of genetic material missing on the long arm (referred to as the q arm) of chromosome 22; and

WHEREAS, 22q11.2 deletion syndrome is a genetic condition (usually not inherited) that people are born with and has a potential to affect almost every system in the body and cause a wide range of health problems and intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, 22q11.2 deletion syndrome is present in approximately 1 out of every 2,000 live births, in 1 in 68 children with congenital heart disease (CHD) and in 5-8 born with a cleft palate; and

WHEREAS, 22q11.2 deletion syndrome is not the same for everyone, even with the same syndrome health problems can vary in any combination including heart defects, palate differences, immune system deficiencies, low calcium and other endocrine issues, these are among the over 180 anomalies associated with 22q11.2 deletion syndrome; and

WHEREAS, 22q11.2 deletion syndrome can be diagnosed based on a physical exam and blood test called FISH (fluorescence in situ hybridization); and

WHEREAS, 22q11.2 deletion syndrome has no cure, many therapies and medical interventions are available to help associated symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the key to progress in the battle against 22q11.2 deletion syndrome is raising awareness;

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

22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Awareness 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 7th day of October 2019.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor