



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, about 18 of people live with a condition which could be considered an invisible or hidden disability. That amounts to approximately 58.9 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of Americans are living with a chronic medical condition, totaling to 163.5 million patients. The differentiation between having a chronic condition and a disability is the degree of impairment thrust upon the patient's life; and

WHEREAS, the term invisible disabilities as defined by IDA, distinguishes disabilities not readily apparent based upon just looking at a person, leading this person to fight a battle seldom acknowledged by the outside world; and

WHEREAS, without the obvious signs of disability, many of those with invisible disabilities are accused of faking and exaggerating their conditions. This translates to a lack of funding, accommodations, medical resources, and overall support; and

WHEREAS, the Invisible Disabilities Association strives to encourage, educate, and connect people and organizations touched by disability. With the help of IDA, we may envision a world where people living with illness, pain, and disability will be invisible no more;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2019, as

Invisible Disabilities 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 11th day of October 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor