



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer is the 3rd leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States surpassing breast cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, it is expected to become the 2nd leading cause of cancer-related death in the US by the year 2020, surpassing colorectal cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2019 an estimated 56,770 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the U.S., and more than 45,750 will die from the disease; and*

*WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer has the highest mortality rate of all major cancers; and*

*WHEREAS, for all stages combined, 91% of pancreatic cancer patients will die within five years of diagnosis – only 9% will survive more than five years; and*

*WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer is one of the few cancers for which survival has not improved substantially for more than 40 years; and*

*WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer is a leading cause of cancer death largely because there are no detection tools to diagnose the disease in its early stages when surgical removal of the tumor is still possible; and*

*WHEREAS, on World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2019, people around the world unite to Demand Better in the fight against the world's toughest cancer, raising awareness about the symptoms and risks of the disease and the urgent need for earlier detection;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2019, as*

# Pancreatic Cancer 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor