

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists are comprised of a team of people dedicated to improving the lives of all patients from birth to death; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists (RT's) encompass over 100,000 individuals that are highly skilled healthcare professionals Nationally and; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that lung disease is one of the biggest killers of people in the United States and throughout the World; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists strive to promote the mission of safeguarding the health, safety and wellbeing of Alabamians by requiring all that practice respiratory care with the state are qualified; and

WHEREAS, The Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) has declared October 20-26, Respiratory Care Week, and celebrates this year with the theme "Respiratory Cares-Our Team Cares", we in conjunction with this, celebrate in Alabama, by making this proclamation to recognize our Respiratory Therapists and their roles in keeping Alabamians healthy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2019, as

## Respiratory Therapy 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor