



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Avascular Necrosis (AVN) is a disease that results from the temporary or permanent loss of blood supply to the bone and it happens most commonly in hips, knees, shoulders and ankles but can happen in any bone or joint; and

WHEREAS, AVN may be the result of injury, use of steroids, smoking, excess alcohol, blood clot disorders, radiation, chemotherapy, deep-sea diving and other chronic health and autoimmune conditions; and

WHEREAS, as many as 20,000 people develop AVN each year in the USA alone and as many as 70,000 worldwide diagnosed which most are between the ages of 20 and 50; and

WHEREAS, Medicines, assistive devices, Platelet-Rich Plasma injections, stem cell injection, electrical stimulation and surgery may be used to attempt to improve functionality or to stop more damage to the affected bone or joint; and

WHEREAS, the Support Group Avascular Necrosis Osteonecrosis Support International was created by Deborah L. Andio and designed to raise awareness and to engage the public to educate as well as improve the lives through group support, advocacy and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 20 - 27, 2020, as

Avascular Necrosis - Osteonecrosis 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 16th day of December 2019.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor