



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, acquired brain injury is often overlooked and underfunded, and affects thousands of Alabamians each year; and

WHEREAS, a traumatic brain injury (TBI) is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to, or penetration of, the head that disrupts the normal function of the brain; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,900 Alabamians sustained a head injury in 2017; and

WHEREAS, falls are a leading cause of brain-related injuries in Alabama they can also be the result of motor vehicle crashes, assaults, sports-related injuries, occupational-related injuries, or opioid overdoses; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has approximately 9,000 active military personnel and more than 375,000 veterans residing in the state; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury has been the signature injury of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, treatment is often complicated by high rates of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and suicide, presenting new challenges for members of the military and their families in the state; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of sports-related injuries happen among youth five and 19 years of age, and, because the signs of brain injury are not always well recognized, youth may put themselves at risk for another injury and potentially fatal second-impact syndrome; and

WHEREAS, early and adequate intervention, especially cognitive rehabilitation, will greatly increase the quality of life and enable individuals with brain injury to return to home, school, work, or their communities; and

WHEREAS, arch has been designated as National Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote awareness of the extent, consequences, causes, treatments, and prevention of acquired brain injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2020, as

Brain Injury 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 24th day of February 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor