



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, one American is sexually assaulted every 92 seconds; and

WHEREAS, about 66% of rape victims are under the age of 18, and about 34% are under the age of 12; and

WHEREAS, one in six American women and one in 33 American men, have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape; and

WHEREAS, rape and sexual assault affect women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, more than three-quarters of sexual assaults are committed by someone who is known to the victim; and

WHEREAS, emotional and physical trauma resulting from sexual violence is often severe and long lasting; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Coalition Against Rape and its 16-member rape crisis centers are working diligently to improve and increase services for victims and survivors of sexual assault, as well as preventing future sexual assaults through public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama acknowledges the importance of designating April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and hopes this designation will increase the general public's awareness of sexual assault as well as encourage individuals to seek the help of those agencies providing services to rape victims and survivors throughout the state;

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

Sexual Assault 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 16th day of January 2020.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor