



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Dermatology, 3 million American citizens are diagnosed with skin cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation, skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Melanoma Research Foundation reports that Melanoma diagnoses are increasing at epidemic rates and that in 2020 over 196,000 Americans will be diagnosed with the deadliest form of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, melanoma is not just a cancer of the skin, but can develop anywhere on the body- eyes, scalp, nails, feet, etc. and it does not discriminate by age, race, or gender; and

WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are thought to be 90% caused by exposure to ultraviolet light and sunlight; Just one blistering sunburn at a young age can double the chances of developing Melanoma later in life; and

WHEREAS, awareness, education, early detection, and prevention of skin cancer can save lives; and

WHEREAS, Emma Grace Walters, a teen skin cancer advocate, encourages all residents of the State of Alabama to participate in Skin Cancer Awareness Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2020 as

Skin 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 19th day of February 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor