



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is a two-year home-based early education intervention program designed to help parents with limited formal education prepare their four- and five-year-old children for school; and

WHEREAS, in Alabama, 23 HIPPY affiliates served 1,393 children and trained 1,386 parents living in Alabama during the 2018-19 program year; and

WHEREAS, these families experienced 93,485 hours of additional parent-child interaction and were provided over 12,000 books for free; and

WHEREAS, outcomes described in the HIPPY Evaluation Data Report-2017 issued by Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education indicated more children screened on target after completing the HIPPY program compared to when they began the program across all domains of development and fewer children screened needed specialized learning activities, monitoring, or referrals for further assessment after completing the HIPPY program; and

WHEREAS, in a pilot study of 7 Alabama HIPPY sites using the Bracken School Readiness Assessment, children's school readiness skills increased through their participation in HIPPY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2020, as

HIPPY 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 5th day of March 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor