



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the brain directs involuntary actions like breathing, blinking, thinking, and swallowing, it also controls our senses, personality, memory, walking, talking, toileting and profoundly impacts both the ability for life, and quality of life, for the patient and caregiver; and*

*WHEREAS, a diagnosis of primary and metastatic brain tumors does not discriminate - they can afflict men, women and children of all races and ethnicities; and*

*WHEREAS, brain tumors have changed the lives of over 700,000 people in the United States who are living with a primary brain tumor*

*WHEREAS, it is estimated it will be deadly for 18,000 who will die from a malignant brain tumor diagnosis in 2020; and*

*WHEREAS, millions of people in the United States are living with a metastatic brain tumor and it is estimated it will be deadly for almost half in 2020; and*

*WHEREAS, a brain tumor profoundly impacts the lives of patients and caregivers, it is imperative we increase public awareness of this disease, its life altering impact, and its treatment options, through research, advocacy programs and education programs, as well as generate a call to action in support of finding a cure; and*

*WHEREAS, despite the fact there are only been four (4) FDA approved drugs to treat primary brain tumors, and despite that there are no FDA approved drugs exclusively for patients with metastatic brain tumors, one of the most important things a brain tumor patient can do is to surround themselves with doctors dedicated to brain tumor specialty treatments and care and aggressively seek education and support for themselves and their caregivers through local organizations like the Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation, or national organizations like the American Brain Tumor Association, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation for Children, and the National Brain Tumor Society in efforts to generate a greater awareness of this disease, to uncover resources and services, and to band together to spearhead and advance treatments, research and support now;*

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

# Brain Tumor 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*