



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, over 360,000 sudden cardiac arrest events occur annually in the US with over 90 of these cases fatal; and

*WHEREAS*, survival of sudden cardiac arrest is most likely if the victim receives lifesaving defibrillation from an automated external defibrillator (AED) within the first four to six minutes, noting that every minute that passes without a shock from an AED decreases the chance of survival by 10; and

*WHEREAS*, administering high-quality cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can be a bridge to life until an AED arrives to correct the heart electrical rhythm; and

*WHEREAS*, nearly 70 of out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest events occur in the home where family members are present and could provide life-saving CPR if trained; and

*WHEREAS*, all Alabamians are encouraged to learn the skills to perform high-quality CPR and use an AED to help strengthen the chain of survival;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, as

# CPR/AED Awareness Week

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2020.

*Kay Ivey*

Kay Ivey, Governor