# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

***WHEREAS,*** *Necrotizing Fasciitis was first described within medical literature in 1883 by Fournier and was originally described as a disease of unknown cause that caused Fournier's Gangrene; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *it is an uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin that attracts a high profile within the popular media where it is often referred to as the flesh-eating bug or virus; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *the most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic, Streptococcus pyogenes and Staphylococcus aureus, either alone or in combination other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally found within the intestines of normal healthy individuals; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *much remains to be done for the treatment of Necrotizing Fasciitis in Vermont and all around the world; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Necrotizing Fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are precipitating factors it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures, but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy and hypertension; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *in rare occasions it may occur following minor injuries to the skin, falls, cuts or tears but sometimes is not apparent and can occur in apparently healthy individual;*

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

# Necrotizing Fasciitis 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 5th day of May 2020.*

Kay Ivey

*Kay Ivey, Governor*