



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease (PD) is a chronic, degenerative neurological disease that affects one in 100 people over the age of 60; and*

*WHEREAS, currently there is no treatment to slow, stop or reverse the progression of the disease, nor is there a cure; and*

*WHEREAS, existing Parkinson's treatments are limited in their ability to address patients symptoms and remain effective over time; and*

*WHEREAS, there is no Parkinson's test or biomarker, so the rate of under-diagnosis can be relatively high; and*

*WHEREAS, at least one million people in the United States and more than five million worldwide are living with PD; and*

*WHEREAS, motor and non-motor symptoms can include resting tremor, stiffness and slowness of movement, as well as depression, sleep disorders and cognitive impairment; and*

*WHEREAS, education and activities can help increase acceptance for those with Parkinson's disease and their loved ones, it also provides confidence, knowledge, awareness and empowering community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Parkinson's Association of Alabama, Inc., is a non-profit organization that seeks to optimize the quality of life for individuals in Alabama affected by Parkinson's disease through education, exercise, outreach, scholarship and our collaborative Resource Center;*

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

# *Parkinson's 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*