



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) syndrome is characterized by the absence of a bone called the radius in each forearm and a shortage (deficiency) of blood cells involved in clotting (platelets); and*

*WHEREAS, this platelet deficiency (thrombocytopenia) usually appears during infancy and becomes less severe over time, in some cases the platelet levels become normal; and*

*WHEREAS, Thrombocytopenia prevents normal blood clotting, resulting in easy bruising and frequent nosebleeds; and*

*WHEREAS, hemorrhages can damage the brain and lead to intellectual disability; and*

*WHEREAS, affected children who survive this period and do not have damaging hemorrhages in the brain usually have a normal life expectancy and normal intellectual development; and*

*WHEREAS, the severity of skeletal problems in TAR syndrome varies among affected individuals; and*

*WHEREAS, TAR syndrome is unusual among similar malformations in that affected individuals have thumbs, while people with other conditions involving an absent radius typically do not;*

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

# TAR Syndrome 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor