



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, 500,000 babies are admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) every year; and*

*WHEREAS, families of NICU babies often struggle to find resources, support, and education; and*

*WHEREAS, funding for research into the causes of a NICU stay as well as the holistic care of NICU families is vital; and*

*WHEREAS, NICU Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by NICU to share their story, to honor dedicated health professionals and to meet others and know they are not alone; and*

*WHEREAS, the establishment of NICU Awareness Month will also provide visibility to research that improves the quality of life for NICU babies and their parents;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2020, as*

# NICU Awareness Day

*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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*