Proclamation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Amyloidosis is a rare disease of which there are several types, one of which is similar to a blood cancer and another that is commonly inherited; and

WHEREAS, the combination of all types of amyloidosis affects approximately 10,000 people in the United States, 500 of whom live in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, an abnormal protein either produced in the bone marrow or liver travels through the bloodstream, depositing as amyloid in various organs, primarily the heart, nervous system, intestines, and kidneys, causing the organs to fail over time; and

WHEREAS, the median length of survival for an amyloidosis patient who does not receive treatment is less than 3 years; and

WHEREAS, many patients go undiagnosed every year, and special initiatives, such as this resolution can raise public awareness and save lives; and

WHEREAS, there have been advances in the treatment of amyloidosis that have extended life expectancy, but currently, there are no drugs approved for the destruction of amyloids; and

WHEREAS, the early diagnosis of amyloidosis in conjunction with prompt treatments not only improves the quality of life, but extends life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, there are no amyloidosis treatment centers in Alabama that specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of amyloidosis patients, but fortunately, there are a handful of treating physicians in Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2021, as

Amyloidosis 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 28th day of January 2021.

Kay Ivey, Governor