



# *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 medial 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*