



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in women; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, an estimated 276,480 women and 2,620 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in America, including more than 4,200 Alabamians, and approximately 42,170 women and 520 men are expected to die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, regular screening is vital in reducing breast cancer mortality and increasing the odds of survival through early detection, making it important to support efforts to increase awareness of screening options and encourage individuals to pursue regular screening; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Health manages the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which provides breast cancer screening for Alabama women who meet age, income, and insurance eligibility guidelines ultimately saving the lives of Alabamians by assisting women in receiving screening to help in early detection of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time for all Alabamians to recognize breast cancer survivors those battling the disease, and those family members and friends who are a constant source of love and encouragement, and to celebrate the work of medical professionals and researchers striving to find a cure for this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to unite all Alabamians to prevent breast cancer deaths through increased education and regular screening;

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

Breast Cancer 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 26th day of October 2020.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor