



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families and caregivers, while pursuing the ultimate goal of making the cure for stomach cancer a reality; and

WHEREAS, stomach cancer is among the cancers with the lowest five-year survival rates; and

WHEREAS, out of 26,240 new cases diagnosed each year in the United States, 10,800 will die in the first year of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, most stomach cancers are diagnosed at stage IV which only has a five-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS, in the United States it is estimated that more than 95,000 people are currently living with stomach cancer; and

WHEREAS, stomach cancer has increased in young adults ages 25 to 39 by 70 percent since 1977; and

WHEREAS, the overall survival rate for stomach cancer is 31% and stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, stomach cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of cancer related death;

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

Curing Stomach Cancer 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