



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Marfan syndrome is a life-threatening genetic connective tissue condition that can involve many parts of the body including the heart and blood vessels, eyes, bones and joints, and lungs demonstrated by varying degrees of disability, pain, muscular skeletal issues, often resulting in a lifelong series of multi-system health-related maladies; and*

*WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1 in 5,000 individuals worldwide are born with Marfan syndrome, regardless of race, gender and ethnicity; and*

*WHEREAS, the number and severity of symptoms associated with Marfan syndrome differ greatly among individuals; and*

*WHEREAS, all expressions of Marfan syndrome are life-long, incurable, and potentially debilitating; and*

*WHEREAS, because it is a life-threatening genetic condition, timely diagnosis and treatment is essential; and*

*WHEREAS, through public awareness, the State of Alabama seeks to raise awareness of Marfan syndrome in order to properly diagnose and treat individuals affected by this condition;*

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

# Marfan Syndrome 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor