



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Alabama's children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional and learning problems and often fear activities such as riding the bus, going to school and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful and intimidated;

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

National Bullying Prevention 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