



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, respiratory care practitioners are specialized healthcare providers that work therapeutically with patients suffering from conditions affecting their respiration or ability to breathe; and

WHEREAS, their expertise can help relieve distressing symptoms, restore normal lung capacity, and/or help patients conserve and make the best use of their remaining lung function; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a particularly harsh impact on individuals with respiratory diseases and disorders, including those suffering from chronic obstructive lung disease, chronic bronchitis, asthma, emphysema, cardiovascular disease and metabolic conditions; and

WHEREAS, many of these disorders are presently incurable and many of the individuals affected by COVID-19 are hospitalized, requiring the specialized care of respiratory care practitioners utilizing mechanical ventilation, oxygen and aerosolized medication to treat these afflictions; and

WHEREAS, respiratory care practitioners have been serving on the front lines of this crisis and have worked tirelessly for their patients, treating and caring for people of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is proud to honor the vital work that respiratory care practitioners perform every single day, and their unrelenting sacrifice to ensure that all of our residents remain healthy and safe during these difficult times;

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

Respiratory Care Practitioners 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 6th day of October 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor