



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Mental Health is proud to celebrate and focus on the emotional wellbeing of children and youth during Children's Mental Health Awareness Week 2021, "Flip the Script on Mental Health"; and

WHEREAS, good mental health is a key component in a child's development and Children's Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter, while celebrating the accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Alabama Department of Mental Health was grateful to have served over 32,000 children with mental health prevention and treatment services in the state; and

WHEREAS, one in five children may experience a mental health challenge during his or her lifetime and that it is okay and important to ask for support when needed; and

WHEREAS, research has shown early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, children and youth with mental illnesses and their families deserve access to services and supports that are family driven, youth guided and culturally appropriate; and

WHEREAS, all 19 of the community mental health centers partner with at least one school district to provide School-Based Mental Health treatment and/or intervention services to approximately 10,000 students in a school setting; and

WHEREAS, Children's Mental Health Awareness Week is an opportunity to change hearts, minds, and attitudes regarding mental health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2021, as

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

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 29th day of April 2021.

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Kay Ivey, Governor