



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, there are 1 in 2,229 individuals born with gastroschisis in the United States, and roughly the same number born in Alabama annually; and*

*WHEREAS, many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected including but not limited to failure to thrive/slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants and long term feeding issues; and*

*WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, which results in patients and their families having to bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and*

*WHEREAS, hundreds of residents of Alabama are among those affected by gastroschisis; and*

*WHEREAS, an official Awareness Day proclamation is often the precursor to funding for research and other avenues of support; and*

*WHEREAS, Averys Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) is organizing a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2021;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2021, as*

# Gastroschisis Awareness Day

*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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor