



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the people of the state of Alabama have endured a public health pandemic with more than 500,00 cases and more than 10,000 deaths due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the recent crisis has caused individuals admitted to hospitals and residents of nursing homes not to be allowed in person contact with their loved ones or family; and

WHEREAS, holistic health care for all individuals is vitally important to ensure physical, mental and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS, the organization Poppy's Purpose was established after the death of Harold Sachs, Chief of Staff for the Republican Party, due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Poppy's Purpose is to build on the foundation of patient advocacy through legislation, education and support during times of crisis and health pandemics; and

WHEREAS, Poppy's Purpose has worked to gain more than 2,500 signatures in support of legislation to allow a visitor in the hospital or nursing home even during a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Poppy's Purpose is continuing to raise awareness of the need for patient advocates through its website and social media campaigns; and

WHEREAS, funding to help hospitals and nursing homes purchase personal protective equipment has been set in place through Poppy's Purpose donation campaign; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama supports patient advocacy and is invested in the health and well being of all of the citizens of Alabama.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, declare November 9, 2020, as

Poppy's Purpose 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 12th day of July 2021.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor