



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy is a genetic disease that destroys motor nerve cells in the spinal cord that control muscles needed to walk, breathe and eat; and*

*WHEREAS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy strikes individuals regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and*

*WHEREAS, extensive research has yielded new medications to treat Spinal Muscular Atrophy; and*

*WHEREAS, raising awareness of this disease will continue to facilitate the discovery of new treatments and a possible cure, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those affected by this neurodegenerative disease; and*

*WHEREAS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about SMA and issues in its community;*

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

# *Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*