



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal disorder and is the leading cause of intellectual and developmental delay in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in every 691 children are born with Down syndrome, representing an estimated 5,000 births per year in the United States with approximately 85 of those annual births occurring here in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, today, through multiple efforts, people with Down syndrome are offered early intervention services, attend school, procure appropriate health care and experience a life of inclusion and rewarding maturity; and

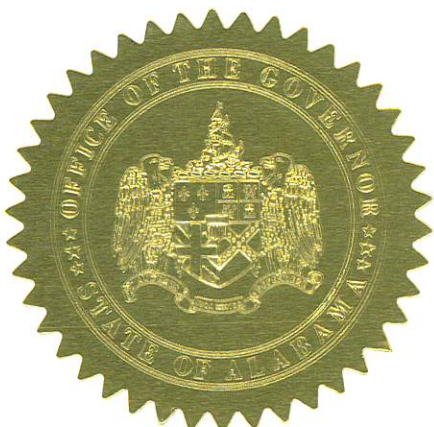
WHEREAS, yet, despite significant increases in lifespan and intellectual opportunities over the past decade, there is still much work to be done regarding the rights to equality, inclusion, education, medical care, research, employment and support for people with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, the state of Alabama supports the initiatives of organizations working to ensure people with Down syndrome have adequate services, are valued by society and can lead fulfilling and productive lives in our community;

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

Down Syndrome 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 1st day of October 2021.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor