Proclamation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) syndrome is characterized by the absence of a bone called the radius in each forearm and a shortage of blood cells involved in clotting; and

WHEREAS, this platelet deficiency usually appears during infancy and becomes less severe over time. In some cases the platelet levels become normal; and

WHEREAS, Thrombocytopenia prevents normal blood clotting, resulting in easy bruising and frequent nosebleeds; and

WHEREAS, hemorrhages can damage the brain and lead to intellectual disability; and

WHEREAS, affected children who survive this period and do not have damaging hemorrhages in the brain usually have a normal life expectancy and normal intellectual development; and

WHEREAS, the severity of skeletal problems in TAR syndrome varies among affected individuals; and

WHEREAS, TAR syndrome is unusual among similar malformations in that affected individuals have thumbs, while people with other conditions involving an absent radius typically do not;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2022, as

TAR 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 14th day of March 2022.

Kay Ivey, Governor