



# Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, Duchenne muscular dystrophy (Duchenne) is the most common, fatal genetic disorder diagnosed during childhood, affecting approximately one in every 5,000 live male births each year; and

*WHEREAS*, the Duchenne gene is found on the X-chromosome, primarily affecting boys; and

*WHEREAS*, Duchenne results in the progressive loss of strength and is caused by a mutation in the gene that encodes for dystrophin. Because dystrophin is absent, the muscle cells are easily damaged, and the progressive muscle weakness leads to serious medical problems affecting the heart and lungs; and

*WHEREAS*, Duchenne can be passed from parent to child, but approximately 35 cases occur because of a spontaneous mutation. While there are medical treatments that slow its progression, there is not a cure; and

*WHEREAS*, because it is a rare disease, one of our greatest tools is to raise awareness;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2022, as

## World Duchenne 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2022.

*Kay Ivey*

Kay Ivey, Governor