



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, children need to be healthy to reach their full potential and need to receive regular checkups, vision and dental care and medical attention when sick or injured so that health problems are averted and treated as early as possible; and*

*WHEREAS, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was added to the Social Security Act by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to provide health insurance to the country's uninsured children under the age of 19; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama was the first state in the nation to have a federally approved CHIP plan, which was the result of a partnership between the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Medicaid Agency and the Alabama Child Caring Foundation; and*

*WHEREAS, CHIP is administered by the Alabama Department of Public Health and provides low-cost, comprehensive healthcare coverage for more than 74,000 eligible children and teens under the age of 19 who live in Alabama using the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama provider network; and*

*WHEREAS, CHIP marks a 25-year milestone in October, Children's Health Care Month, and celebrates the important contributions made to the health of the children of Alabama during its silver anniversary thanks to the consistent support provided by Alabama leaders in jointly funding the program with the federal government during the past quarter century;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2022, as*

# Children's Health Insurance Program 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor