



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) is proud to celebrate and focus on the emotional wellbeing of children and youth during Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week; and

WHEREAS, good mental health is a key component in a child's development and Children's Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to foster acceptance and end discrimination, while celebrating the accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, one in five children may experience a mental health challenge during their lifetime. Research has shown early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, mental illness continues to be marked by stigma and discrimination based on preconceptions and misinformation, often discouraging parents and affected children from seeking treatment and services; and

WHEREAS, children and youth with mental illnesses and their families deserve access to services and supports that are family driven, youth guided and culturally appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's most important asset is its children and their health. The welfare of our children is paramount to Alabama's future and wellbeing. Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week is an opportunity to change hearts, minds and attitudes regarding mental health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 7 through May 13, 2023, as

Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week

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 4th day of May 2023.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor