



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is a progressive and degenerative brain disorder that causes memory loss and affects self-care, decision making and behavior; and

WHEREAS, there are over 96,000 Alabamians living with Alzheimer's disease. There are currently hundreds of thousands of unpaid caregivers providing millions of hours of support to loved ones with Alzheimer's disease each year; and

WHEREAS, dementia is the fifth leading cause of death for adults age 65 and older in Alabama and the seventh leading cause of death for all adults; and

WHEREAS, with early detection and diagnosis, individuals and families can gain access to medications and support services that promote quality of life and can fully participate in planning for the future and enroll in critical research trials; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Alzheimer's disease and other Dementias Advisory Council has been newly established to develop a current and updated Alzheimer's State Plan, examine existing infrastructures within the state around the disease and make recommendations to the Legislature based on these findings in the form of the state plan; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the stories, strengths and efforts of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers impacted by Alzheimer's disease, as well as the tireless work of the researchers who are seeking a cause and cure now;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

Alzheimer's & Brain Health 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 22nd day of June 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor