



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Russell Hospital was founded on July 17, 1923 by Benjamin C. Russell to provide health services for the employees of Russell Manufacturing Company and the residents of Alexander City, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the original colonial-style hospital was built on Lee Street in downtown Alexander City and consisted of three stories, two wings and 55 patient beds; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, the hospital attained accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, and the hospital was transferred to the newly organized Russell Hospital Corporation; and

WHEREAS, a new four-story, 110-bed facility opened on US Highway 280 in 1965 and has since seen many additions, renovations and expansion of services; and

WHEREAS, Russell Medical has consistently received numerous awards and recognitions for rendering quality care, including being named a Top 100 Hospital by Thomson Reuters; and

WHEREAS, Russell Medical stands as a pillar of healthcare excellence with a history deeply intertwined with the local community and its presence, while the services offered adds to the overall health and quality of life for the residents of central Alabama; and

WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings as a textile company hospital to its current position as a comprehensive healthcare system, Russell Medical has played an integral role in the growth and well-being of Alexander City and the Lake Martin area; and

WHEREAS, with a legacy spanning a century, the institution's commitment to excellence, community service and innovation remains unwavering, with the simple mission of "Being the best because, we care"; and

WHEREAS, Russell Medical has provided exceptional healthcare to the people it serves, standing as a testament to the vision and dedication of its founders, employees and supporters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim July 17, 2023, as

Russell Medical 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 13th day of July 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor