



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, with 46 children per day being diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, on average, there has been an overall cancer incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years; and*

*WHEREAS, in the last 30 years, six new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out; and*

*WHEREAS, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and*

*WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently, dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, many children are affected by this deadly disease, and it is imperative we raise awareness to find a cure;*

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

# Childhood Cancer 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor