



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal disorder and is the leading cause of intellectual and developmental delay in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in every 700 children are born with Down syndrome, representing an estimated 6,000 births per year in the United States with approximately 85 of those annual births occurring here in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, possessing a wide range of abilities, people with Down syndrome are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational circles of our communities; and

WHEREAS, despite significant increases in lifespan and intellectual opportunities over the past decade, there is still much work to be done regarding the rights to equality, inclusion, education, medical care, research, employment and support for people with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama encourages all citizens to work together to celebrate the lives of individuals with Down syndrome, while remembering to appreciate and regard every individual with dignity as a valued member of the community; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, the state of Alabama supports the initiatives of organizations working to ensure people with Down syndrome have adequate services, are valued by society and can have fulfilling and productive lives in our communities;

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

Down Syndrome 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 11th day of September 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor