



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, half a million babies are admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) every year; and

WHEREAS, families of NICU babies may struggle to find resources, support and education; and

WHEREAS, funding for research into the causes of a NICU stay, as well as the holistic care of NICU families, is vital; and

WHEREAS, Alabama houses two institutions, Children's of Alabama and UAB Hospital, that provide the highest level of neonatal intensive care, medically acknowledged as Level IV NICU; and

WHEREAS, equipped with one of the largest pediatric kidney dialysis programs and the first to adapt the Aquadex Smartflow System for renal replace therapy in the United States, Children's of Alabama NICU is referred to patients by medical professionals for esteemed subspecialty and surgical care throughout the South; and

WHEREAS, NICU Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by the NICU to share their story, to honor dedicated health professionals and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, NICU Awareness Day provides visibility to the research that improves the quality of life for NICU babies and their parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2023, as

NICU Awareness 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 19th day of September 2023.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor