



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, more than 350,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year and only about one in 10 survive; and

WHEREAS, there are effective solutions to this problem – awareness and education to have cardiac emergency response plans in place; and

WHEREAS, CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a person's chance of survival. Only about 46 percent of people who experience cardiac arrest receive CPR from people nearby while waiting for emergency responders to arrive; and

WHEREAS, knowing how to properly perform CPR has encouraged more people to act when faced with a cardiac emergency and to save more lives from cardiac arrest outside of a hospital, we must increase the number of people who respond to cardiac arrest by calling 9-1-1, delivering high-quality CPR and using an AED as soon as it is available; and

WHEREAS, CPR is a lifesaving skill that most people, including children as young as age nine, can learn; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association has set a goal of doubling the survival from cardiac arrest by 2030 by turning bystanders into lifesavers, so that everyone, everywhere is prepared and empowered to become a vital link in the chain of survival and provide CPR in response to a cardiac emergency; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of American Heart Month and the American Heart Association's 100th birthday, I urge every household to learn CPR;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 2024, as

American Heart 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 15th day of February 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor