



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, substance use disorders and mental illness affects millions of individuals of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds, including their families, friends, coworkers and communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 25 million Americans have embraced recovery and are actively building stronger communities and better lives, families and relationships; and

WHEREAS, I established the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council in 2017 through Executive Order 708 to develop a comprehensive and coordinated strategic plan to combat Alabama's opioid crisis and reduce the number of deaths and adverse consequences in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Council and standing committees of the Opioid Council have remained committed to enlarging the state's efforts to fight the opioid crisis through many completed strategies, as well as initiate the development of new strategies; and

WHEREAS, the recovery community continues to be one of the Council's strongest advocates and partners; and

WHEREAS, through the work of the Council and its partners in the recovery community, many lives have been saved; and

WHEREAS, in Alabama, we celebrate the resilience of those in recovery and commend their strength and will stand by their continued success; and

WHEREAS, this day will celebrate Alabama's work in saving lives, building stronger families and creating safer communities, while ensuring the continued success, perseverance and prosperity through recovery of all who have been affected by the opioid epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2024, as

Recovery Advocacy 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 5th day of March 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor