



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong neurological disorder with current statistics bringing it to one in 36 children being diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, autism affects each individual in different ways. It can range from very mild to severe; knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries; and affects young and old alike in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, our understanding of autism has grown tremendously since it was first diagnosed, although there is no known cure for autism; and

WHEREAS, accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and

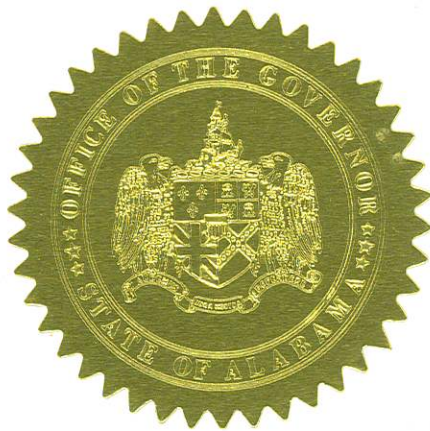
WHEREAS, hope lies in a broad spectrum of treatments and with an engaged community committed to providing support and service to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, many organizations across the state of Alabama remain committed to their mutual missions of educating families, professionals and the general public to better understand this lifelong disorder;

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

Autism 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 14th day of March 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor