



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, more than 33 million Americans have food allergies and nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame. Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, each year an estimated 3.3 million Americans require emergency room treatment for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to food. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377 percent in only a decade; and

WHEREAS, food allergies are expensive, costing the American economy more than 25 billion each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 12 through May 18, 2024, as

Food Allergy Awareness Week

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 May 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor