



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama has developed essential guidelines to support and promote consistent school attendance among K-12 students and their families; and

WHEREAS, excellent school and classroom attendance is key to K-12 student success and lifelong achievement; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence is defined as missing 18 or more days of school for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences, or just two or three days a month, which has become in some cases a predictor of possible academic trouble; and

WHEREAS, improving school attendance and reducing classroom chronic absences requires commitment, collaboration and a tailored approach from our local communities; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence exacerbates achievement and lowers student learning and the positive outcomes achieved from an excellent education; and

WHEREAS, absenteeism also undermines efforts to strengthen local schools; and

WHEREAS, our statewide educational efforts continue to improve the reading skills of all students through early literacy success and work to ensure our K-12 students are building the skills required to read at and above grade level; and

WHEREAS, our efforts are also enriching the overall learning experiences for all K-12 students through effective academic support; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence is reduced when local schools, parents and community residents work together to encourage excellent school attendance; and

WHEREAS, these efforts help to address potential barriers, which could keep students from excelling in the classroom or their future careers as adults;

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

Attendance 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 4th day of September 2024.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor