



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, September is recognized as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) and state partners formally commemorate the month and September 10th as World Suicide Prevention Day; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health challenge that causes immeasurable pain among individuals, families and communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, anyone can experience a suicidal crisis regardless of age, gender, race, socioeconomic status, religion or background; however, certain populations are at a higher risk for suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is in the top nine causes of death in the United States with 49,476 Americans dying by suicide in 2022. In 2022, 837 Alabamians died by suicide, with 73% of those deaths involving the use of a firearm. 147 Alabama veterans died by suicide the same year; and

WHEREAS, ADMH promotes resources and information widely through partners, providers, and state agencies to lessen stigma, decrease the suicide rate and raise awareness among all Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, ADMH and its partners will continue to promote and provide accessible resources for assistance through the Alabama Crisis System of Care and its services;

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

Suicide Prevention 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 19th day of September 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor