



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 16,000 people in Alabama are living with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments and lost income, to patients and family members; and

WHEREAS, research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, there is no Parkinson's test or biomarker, so the rate of under-diagnosis can be relatively high; and

WHEREAS, motor and non-motor symptoms can include resting tremor, stiffness and slowness of movement and rigidity, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, speaking, cognitive impairment, dementia and mood disorders; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, increased research, education and community support services such as those provided by the Parkinson Association of Alabama and other organizations are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as

Parkinson's 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 6th day of March 2025.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor