

## Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, since 2024, the American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE initiative has been working to ensure that fewer people are diagnosed with lung cancer and those living with the disease live longer; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, Alabama consistently ranks among the states with the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality rates, highlighting the urgent need for expanded access to prevention, early detection and treatment resources; and

WHEREAS, addressing disparities in lung cancer outcomes, particularly among rural communities in Alabama, is essential to improving public health and achieving the highest quality health care possible; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer screening saves lives, and advocacy and increased awareness will result in more high-risk individuals getting screened; and

WHEREAS, LUNG FORCE is a national initiative led by the American Lung Association, to defeat lung cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 5 through May 11, 2025, as

## Lung Cancer Action Week,

in the state of Alabama. I encourages all residents of Alabama to learn more about lung cancer, risk factors and early detection.



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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Kay Ivey, Governor