

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is a progressive and degenerative brain disorder that causes memory loss and affects self-care, decision making and behavior; and

WHEREAS, there are over 103,600 Alabamians now living with Alzheimer's, and there are currently hundreds of thousands of unpaid caregivers providing millions of hours of support to loved ones with Alzheimer's disease each year. Dementia is the seventh leading cause of death in Alabama and the only leading cause of death with no known treatments to prevent or cure; and

WHEREAS, the first-ever drug treatments to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease in earlydisease stage patients are now available thus accelerating the research pipeline for future drugs to target the underlying biology of Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, with early detection and diagnosis, individuals and families can gain access to medications and support services that promote quality of life, fully participate in planning for the future and enroll in critical research trials; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Alzheimer's disease and other Dementias Advisory Council is actively working to develop an updated Alzheimer's State Plan. The plan will examine existing infrastructures within the state around the disease and make recommendations to the Legislature based on these findings in the form of the state plan; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the stories, strengths and efforts of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease, as well as the tireless work of the researchers who are seeking a cause and cure;

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

## Alzheimer's L Brain 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Kay Ivey, Governor