

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, September is recognized across the nation as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) and its partners commemorate this month, with September 10^{th} observed globally as World Suicide Prevention Day; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a profound public health crisis that leaves a lasting impact on communities, claiming lives across every age, race, background and walk of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 alone, Alabama lost 869 lives to suicide, including 139 Alabama veterans—sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, friends and neighbors. Nationally, suicide claimed 49,316 lives in 2023; and

WHEREAS, research has shown a strong link between traumatic brain injury (TBI) and an increased risk of suicide. Identifying and treating TBI can play a critical role in suicide prevention. Early intervention for TBI is an essential component in reducing suicide risk across vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Mental Health is committed to spreading awareness, promoting prevention and expanding access to life-saving resources. Together with providers, partners and state agencies, ADMH works to ensure every Alabamian knows they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, through the Alabama Crisis System of Care and a strong network of mental health professionals, our state is committed to ensuring that compassionate, immediate support is never out of reach:

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

Suicide Prevention 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 18th day of September 2025

Kay Ivey, Governor