

## Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 100 million Americans affected by liver disease. Most people are unaware that the risk factors for liver disease include diabetes, heart disease and obesity; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 100 types of liver diseases and conditions, the most common being hepatitis viruses, steatotic (fatty) liver disease, autoimmune diseases, rare liver diseases, alcoholassociated liver disease, liver cancer and pediatric liver diseases; and

WHEREAS, there is one form of steatotic (fatty) liver disease, metabolic dysfunction associated steatotic liver disease or MASLD, which is present in up to 75 of overweight people and in more than 90 of people with severe obesity. A more progressive form of MASLD, known as metabolic dysfunction, associated steatohepatitis (MASH), can lead to liver failure and the need for a liver transplant; and

WHEREAS, MASLD has become the most common form of childhood liver disease in the U.S., more than doubling over the past 20 years. It is critical that attention be brought to liver disease so our nation can address this often-overlooked health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is National Liver Awareness Month. The American Liver Foundation is calling on everyone to participate in raising awareness of liver disease and the importance of our livers to overall health:

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

## Liver Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

Kay Ivey, Governor