



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, assistance dogs transform the lives of their human partners with physical and mental disabilities;
and

WHEREAS, they serve as devoted companions, helpers, aides, best friends and close family members; and

WHEREAS, assistance dogs include service dogs, guide dogs, hearing alert dogs and alert/seizure response dogs;
and

WHEREAS, guide dogs assist people with vision loss, leading these individuals around physical obstacles and to destinations such as seating, crossing streets, entering or exiting doorways, elevators and stairways, etc.; and

WHEREAS, service dogs assist people with disabilities with walking, balancing, dressing, transferring from place to place, retrieving and carrying items, opening doors and drawers, pushing buttons, pulling wheelchairs and aiding with household chores such as putting in and removing clothes from the washer and dryer; and

WHEREAS, hearing alert dogs alert people with hearing loss to the presence of specific sounds such as doorbells, telephones, crying babies, sirens, another person, buzzing timers or sensors, knocks at the door as well as smoke, fire and clock alarms; and

WHEREAS, seizure alert/seizure response dogs alert or respond to medical conditions, such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes, epilepsy, panic attack, anxiety attack, post-traumatic stress and seizures; and

WHEREAS, medical alert/medical response dogs alert or respond to oncoming medical conditions, such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes, epilepsy, panic attack, anxiety attack and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, International Assistance Dog Week, August 5th - 11th, 2018, provides an opportunity for us to raise awareness of the selfless way all types of assistance dogs assist individuals with mitigating their disability-related limitations; and

WHEREAS, My Assistance Dog Inc. is joining forces with assistance dog partners, organizations, and concerned citizens throughout the State of Alabama and America to raise awareness of assistance dogs and observe 2018 International Assistance Dog Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 5th through August 11th, 2018, as

2018 International Assistance Dog Week

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 June 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor