



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, there are many excellent abortion recovery programs in the United States and groups promoting abortion recovery awareness such as Abortion Recovery Alabama, Abortion Recovery Assistance, and Abortion Recovery International (ARIN), which is the founding organization for "Abortion Recovery Awareness Month; and

*WHEREAS*, abortion recovery programs offer invaluable services, by offering practical, emotional and spiritual support to women and men who are facing post-abortion related concerns, including the provision of peer counseling, information about abortion procedures and risks, information about abortion alternatives, abstinence education and other related programs and services; and

*WHEREAS*, the conclusion that there is a causal connection between abortion and negative problems and injuries is supported by three independent sources of evidences (a) The self-attribution of women themselves of their injuries, (b) Mental health professionals who have successfully diagnosed and treated post-abortion reaction, and (c) Statistically validated medical studies controlling for a large number of confounding factors which have been published in peer reviewed journals, both nationally and internationally; and

*WHEREAS*, Norma McCorvey, who was the former "Roe" of *Roe v. Wade*, before her death stated she regretted her participation in that decision and greatly desired to protect women from the harm of abortion; and

*WHEREAS*, the purpose of "Abortion Recovery Awareness Month" is to encourage and promote healing opportunities and to enlighten society to the aftermath of abortion on individuals and families in the state of Alabama;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2018, as

# Abortion Recovery 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2017.

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor