



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and*

*WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally. Our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our residents and visitors; and*

*WHEREAS, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent actually do; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, United Blood Services, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, the Dr. Daliah Show and many more; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us of the constant need to replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2018, as*

# *Alabama Blood Donation Day*

*in the State of Alabama and I urge all citizens to support local blood drives, as saving lives and protecting our citizens is our primary goal.*



*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 day 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor