



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world, and can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults; and*

*WHEREAS, an estimated 100,000 children and adults in the U.S. have the severe deficiency. An estimated 25 million in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene that causes Alpha-1 and may pass the gene on to their children; and*

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed. Fewer than 10% of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been accurately diagnosed; and*

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is the most common known genetic risk factor for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD); and*

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1 originates in the liver and can lead to liver failure at any time in life. It is the leading genetic cause of liver transplantation in children. Currently, the only treatment for liver disease of Alpha-1 is a liver transplant;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2017, as*

# *Alpha-1 Awareness 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 November 2017.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor