



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 1st day of November 2017.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor