



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes many joints to be stiff and crooked at birth. A newborn with AMC lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints. A joint that lacks normal range of motion is called a joint contracture. These joint contractures develop before birth (prenatally) and are evident at birth (congenitally); and

WHEREAS, joints that can be affected by AMC include the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, jaw and spine. Any and all joints can be affected but it is possible for some joints to be unaffected. No two people are affected exactly the same way; and

WHEREAS, AMC occurs in one in every 3,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, a newborn has to have three contracted joints in two different body areas to be given a diagnosis of AMC; and

WHEREAS, AMC is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is part of many other conditions and syndromes. There are over 400 different types, with Amyoplasia and Distal Escobar Syndrome being the more common ones. There are some individuals who never have their type of AMC identified; and

WHEREAS, AMC is not curable but it is very treatable. Treatment goals usually promote as much independence as possible in daily life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2018, as

Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day

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 May 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor