



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, The Federal Department of Health and Human Services has designated the month of March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; and*

*WHEREAS, Hemophilia and Bleeding Disorders of Alabama, Inc., (HBDAA) strives to strengthen families and individuals through advocacy and educational outreach, while facilitating programs that foster peer support and independence; and*

*WHEREAS, a bleeding disorder is defined by the inability to form a proper blood clot, because a specific clotting factor is missing or defective. They are characterized by extended bleeding episodes after trauma, injury, surgery, as well as excessive menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and*

*WHEREAS, bleeding episodes are frequently unseen internal spontaneous bleeds which are one of the most significant problems with this disorder; and*

*WHEREAS, access to proper medical treatment for those affected with Hemophilia, von Willebrand and other bleeding disorders, as well as continued funding for Hemophilia Treatment Centers, will allow these individuals to live normal lives, as productive and independent members of society. Additionally, it will dispel many of the common misconceptions of this chronic illness; and*

*WHEREAS, the recognition of an awareness month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders;*

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

## *Bleeding Disorders 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*