



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty planning and producing the precise, highly refined and specific series of movements of the tongue, lips, jaw and palate that are necessary for the production of proper speech; and

WHEREAS, CAS is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children; and

WHEREAS, while the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with CAS endure an incredible and lengthy struggle; and

WHEREAS, although not life threatening, it is life altering as families are left to cope with the emotional, physical and financial challenges of having a child diagnosed with CAS; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate intervention, children with CAS are at high risk for secondary impacts in literacy and other school-related skills; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to provide adequate speech therapy and other services so that the impact of CAS can be minimized, and so that affected children can grow into productive, contributing citizens as adults; and

WHEREAS, every child should be afforded the best opportunity to develop speech; and

WHEREAS, with early intervention and appropriate therapy, most children with CAS will learn to communicate with their very own voices; and

WHEREAS, CAS children, as well as their families, deserve our highest respect for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles; and

WHEREAS, the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA), works to strengthen the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia through information and support related to CAS on its website, www.apraxia-kids.org;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2018, as

Childhood Apraxia of Speech 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 6th day of June 2018.*

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor