



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, only four percent of federal government cancer research funding goes to study pediatric cancers; and

WHEREAS, more than 190 children are diagnosed with cancer each year in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, over 500 children undergo cancer treatments in Alabama each year; and

WHEREAS, 84 percent of children diagnosed with cancer will be cured of their illness, compared to less than 50% just two decades ago; and

WHEREAS, Children's of Alabama, in Birmingham, is the lone children's oncology resource for our state and serves 90% of Alabama's children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama, in Birmingham, works with the Alabama Center for Childhood Cancer to secure critical research dollars from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and related health initiatives, which provide millions of dollars for medical research and talented oncology medical professionals to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 7, 2018, as

Childhood Cancer Research 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 March 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor