



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined, but there is currently no cure; and*

*WHEREAS, colorectal cancer affects men and women equally; and*

*WHEREAS, every 3 minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older to be screened by the year 2018; and*

*WHEREAS, if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and*

*WHEREAS, it's critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease;*

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

# *Colorectal Cancer 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 6th day of December 2017.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor