



Proclamation By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the 5p- Society of North America, along with support organizations around the world, are proud to announce that May 5-12, 2018, will be designated as International Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, May 5th has been designated internationally as Cri du Chat Syndrome Day; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Cri Du Chat deserve to be recognized for what they can do versus what they cannot do and our hope is that we can raise awareness of Cri Du Chat Syndrome by spreading our message to each and every person we meet; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States alone, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with 5p- Syndrome (five p minus), also known as Cat Cry Syndrome or Cri du Chat Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, some common characteristics of Cri du Chat Syndrome at birth are a high pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly and potential medical complications. 5p- is a term used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five that is missing in these individuals; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of Cri Du Chat Awareness Week is to end the outdated misinformation given to families when their child is diagnosed with Cri Du Chat; and

WHEREAS, children born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and medical and educational professionals to help the child achieve his or her maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, there are many families with family members with Cri Du Chat living in Iowa with the syndrome that are members of the 5p- society and over 1,000 families in our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2018, as

Cri Du Chat 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 20th day of April 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor