



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the practice of medicine is a special calling, and those who have chosen the medical profession serve their communities with a reverence for human life and individual dignity; and

WHEREAS, physicians, from the specialist to the general practitioner to those who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces, engage in years of study and training, endure long and unpredictable hours and often cope with the conflicting demands of work and family life in order to serve the needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, nearly 17,000 physicians licensed to practice in the State of Alabama serve millions of Alabama residents through private practice, in hospitals, in research and in other health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, each Alabama physician supports an average of 11.7 jobs – contributing to 101,770 jobs statewide – for an average \$1.9 million in positive economic input and a combined total of \$16.7 billion in economic impact statewide; and

WHEREAS, physicians devote themselves to serving patients in hospitals and other facilities during some of their most critical moments in life; and

WHEREAS, research done by physicians produces tremendous breakthroughs in treating and curing life-threatening diseases; and

WHEREAS, students attending Alabama's medical schools train to become the next generation of leaders in medicine, instilled with the drive to solve some of the greatest health care challenges facing medicine today; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and appreciate current and future physicians who strive every day to improve the health of Alabama's residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2018, as

Doctors' 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 21st day of March 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor