



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is a progressive, destructive, inherited disorder that causes children and adults to suffer many symptoms that diminish their quality of life and may lead to premature death in adults due to strokes, kidney failure and heart failure; and

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that results in buildup of lipids in the body causing cell and organ damage; and

WHEREAS, there is an approved treatment available, but because the disease is severely under-diagnosed, many people suffer without an accurate diagnosis and opportunity for treatment, until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is inherited in an X-linked manner historically estimated to occur in about 1 in 40,000 to 60,000 males. As many as twice this number of females may be affected but with more varied symptoms than males with classic disease; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening programs reveal many more babies are born with Fabry disease than historical estimates indicate; and

WHEREAS, health care providers and families should be aware of the many Fabry disease symptoms and if warranted, obtain a galactosidase alpha (GLA) gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this treatable disorder;

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

Fabry Disease Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama and urge the citizens of this state to learn about Fabry disease and assess their family risk,



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 26th day of March 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor