



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, one in 2,229 individuals are born with gastroschisis in the United States, and roughly the same number are born in Alabama annually; and

WHEREAS, although this disease may affect a small number of people, gastroschisis affects many Americans; and

WHEREAS, many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected, including slow growth and failure to thrive, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants and long term feeding issues; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems, such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of residents of Alabama are among those affected by gastroschisis; and

WHEREAS, Averys Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) is organizing a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2018, and every year thereafter;

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

Gastroschisis 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 19th day of June 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor