



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, debilitating, non-contagious, inflammatory skin condition for which there is no known cure; and*

*WHEREAS, HS is characterized by clusters of abscesses or subcutaneous boil-like lesions that most commonly affect the underarms, under the breasts, inner thighs, groin and buttocks. Outbreaks of HS are painful and may persist for years with interspersed periods of inflammation. This process often forms open wounds that do not heal and may lead to significant scarring, disfigurement, reduced range of motion and chronic pain; and*

*WHEREAS, when all stages of disease are considered, it is estimated that one to four percent of the world's population is affected by HS, and experience an average delay of seven years for a proper diagnosis; and*

*WHEREAS, patients with HS often endure a severely diminished quality of life. Understanding and compassion for those with HS from family, friends, medical providers and the public at large is vital; and*

*WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, recognize the struggles of those affected and shorten the delay in diagnosis;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 4-10, 2018, as*

# Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week

*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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor