



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects everyone the same way but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and*

*WHEREAS, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and*

*WHEREAS, more than one million individuals in the United States are effected by one of the different types of muscular disorders; and*

*WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and*

*WHEREAS, research has yielded more new drugs to treat four types of Muscular Diseases: Duchenne, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis and Lou Gehrig's (ALS); and*

*WHEREAS, raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those effected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and*

*WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness/Light it Up Green for MD month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community;*

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

# *Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month*

## *and Light it Up Green for MD Month*

*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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*