



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all residents of Alabama is important to the happiness, prosperity and well being of our state's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, almost 12,820 people were diagnosed with cervical cancer nationwide and 4,210 died from the disease; and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are an effective way to detect the disease early, when it can still be successfully treated; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer vaccines are now widely available, and combined with regular screenings, they provide an effective means of preventing the disease; and

WHEREAS, in the past 40 years, the number of cases and deaths from cervical cancer decreased significantly, and each case of cervical cancer is a tragedy that devastates patients and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of prevention and detection techniques among patients and health care providers is a key component in safe-guarding cervical health; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of January, organizations and healthcare practitioners are encouraged to promote awareness about cervical cancer and to support patients currently battling cervical cancer and those who have lost loved ones to this disease;

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

National Cervical Health Awareness

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 1st day of December 2017.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor