



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, hospice care provides humane and comforting support for terminally ill patients and their families, including pain control, palliative medical care and social, emotional and spiritual services; and

WHEREAS, hospice fulfills basic human needs of feeling comfortable in familiar surroundings and of attaining physical and emotional peace during the last stage of life; and

WHEREAS, over 114,000 professionals and hundreds of thousands of volunteers (the equivalent of 56,000 full time employees) provide comforting and supportive hospice services to over 1.5 million patients and their families in an estimated 3,800 hospice programs throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase public discussion about advances in pain control and the care options available to individuals of all ages, races and backgrounds who are at the end of life; and

WHEREAS, Heartlite Hospice has joined the Hospice Association of America and an estimated 3,800 hospice providers in declaring November 2017 as National Hospice Month and are calling on all Americans to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2017, as

National Hospice Month

in the State of Alabama and encourage the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about the hospice concept of care for the elderly, disabled and infirm.



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 28th day of November 2017.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor