



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, caregivers are considered the backbone of Alabama's long-term care system; and

WHEREAS, respite care is short-term, temporary relief that can make a world of difference for family caregivers of both children and adults with disabilities or other health needs; and

WHEREAS, as estimated 1.8 million Alabamians are providing full-time care for a family member, and

WHEREAS, respite care is one of the most frequently requested home and community-based services, yet remains in critically short supply; and

WHEREAS, though respite care is a proven, cost-effective solution that helps preserve families by reducing stress, supporting stability, preventing the incidence of abuse and neglect and relieving the physical, emotional and financial consequences for the family caregiver;

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

Respite Care 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 November 2017.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor