



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, one American is sexually assaulted every two minutes; and

WHEREAS, about 44% of rape victims are under the age of 18, and about 34% are under the age of 12; and

WHEREAS, one in six American women have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape; and

WHEREAS, rape and sexual assault affect women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of sexual assaults are committed by someone who is known to the victim; and

WHEREAS, emotional and physical scars resulting from sexual violence are often severe and long lasting; and

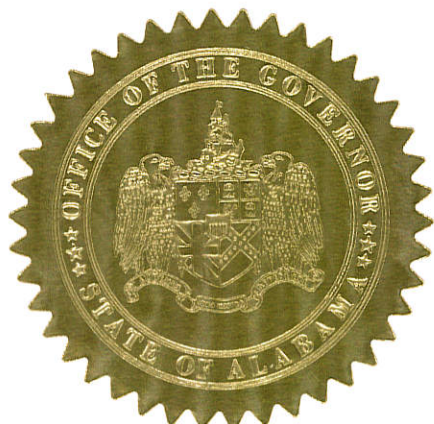
WHEREAS, the Alabama Coalition Against Rape and its 15-member rape crisis centers are working diligently to improve services for victims and survivors of sexual assault, as well as preventing future sexual assaults through public awareness and services for victims; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama acknowledges the importance of designating April as "sexual assault and rape awareness month" and hopes this designation will increase the general public's awareness of sexual assault issues and encourage individuals to seek the help of those agencies providing services to rape victims throughout the state;

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

Sexual Assault and Rape 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 3rd day of April 2018.*

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor