



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Syringomyelia, often referred to as SM, is a chronic disorder involving the spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, the condition occurs when cerebrospinal fluid, normally found outside of the spinal cord and brain, enters the interior of the spinal cord, forming a cavity known as a syrinx; and

WHEREAS, many individuals suffer from chronic pain and some will develop neuropathic pain syndromes and possible paralysis. This type of pain is difficult to treat, and a large percentage of people with SM have severe headaches; and

WHEREAS, the need for widespread awareness and understanding for Syringomyelia is critical for meaningful research to continue so that the quality of lives is improved and a cure can be found. Unfortunately, at this time a cure is unknown; and

WHEREAS, the American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project, Inc., (ASAP), the oldest non-profit organization for Chiari and Syringomyelia, celebrates May as the official month for Syringomyelia Awareness annually and will continue to provide support, fund research and educate the public;

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

Syringomyelia 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 20th day of April 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor