



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder affects at least one in 68 children and an unknown number of adults in the United States of all genders, races, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, early, accurate diagnosis and appropriate education, intervention and support are vital to the well-being of those with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder should have access to the care, services and opportunities they need to be happy and to achieve their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to more research and better understanding and acceptance of Autism Spectrum Disorder;

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

World Autism Awareness Month

and April 2, 2018, as

World Autism Awareness Day

in the State of Alabama to raise public acceptance and understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder, as well as to increase knowledge of the efforts that have been and are being made to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families.



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 21st day of March 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor