



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, one in every 700 babies is born with Down syndrome, representing approximately 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Down Syndrome Society, the leading human rights organization for all individuals with Down syndrome, envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations and become valued members of welcoming communities; and

WHEREAS, recent advancements in Down syndrome research have proven that early intervention, education, social support, therapeutic care and positive public attitudes improve each individual's chances of living an independent, productive and satisfying life; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome should have equal opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their community and reaching their fullest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2018, as

World Down syndrome Day

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 13th day of April 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor