



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, pain is a major public health problem for children and adults and is the number one reason Americans seek medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine has found that 100 million Americans live with chronic pain as a result of serious illnesses and injuries; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$560 to \$630 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of a person's life including the ability to work, sleep and engage in social activities and adversely impacts pain sufferers' families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain result in better outcomes, increased access to good pain care and empowerment and validation for those living with pain;

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

Pain 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 26th day of July 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor