Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a chronic, life-threatening lung disease marked by elevated blood pressure in the lungs; and

WHEREAS, without treatment, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, multiple treatments are available for PH, but it takes patients an average of nearly 3 years to be accurately diagnosed. This delay in diagnosis has not changed in the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, PH patients who are diagnosed earlier have a longer life-expectancy; and

WHEREAS, education can help with early diagnosis and funding for research can help find a cure; and

WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a nonprofit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and to provide hope for the PH community through support, education, advocacy and awareness;

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

Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month

and urge all the citizens to recognize the seriousness of this disease and the meritorious work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association to find a cure.

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 30th day of October 2018.

Kay Ivey
Governor