



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes Foundation is a pioneer in improving the health of infants and women of childbearing age by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes in 2003, launched the Prematurity Campaign to address the crisis of premature birth and help families have full-term, healthy babies; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has set a national goal of reducing preterm birth to 5.5 percent in every state by 2030, which will result in a healthier start in life for tens of thousands of infants; and

WHEREAS, around 7,000 babies were born premature in the state of Alabama in 2016, representing 12 percent of all state births; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes in Alabama has worked extensively to promote access to health services and health coverage, tobacco-related issues, birth spacing policies that help to reduce premature birth and promote health equity; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as World Prematurity Awareness Month to bring about recognition of this global health crisis, and November 17th is recognized as Prematurity Awareness Day across the United States;

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

Prematurity Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama and do hereby extend special recognition to the March of Dimes in Alabama for its role in raising awareness to this cause.



*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 14th day of November 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor