



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding the suicide prevention resources available to us and our community; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a national, public health challenge that causes immeasurable pain among individuals, families and communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States, and Alabama has shown a pattern of higher rates than the U.S. national average since 1990; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has a proud tradition of military service, and Alabama servicemembers, veterans and their families are at an even higher risk for suicide; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's Challenge for Preventing Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families (SMVF) is an interagency initiative led by the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, Alabama Department of Mental Health, Alabama Department of Public Health and countless other organizations to develop and implement statewide suicide prevention best; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Mental Health promotes suicide prevention information and crisis care services to lower the suicide rate, reduce stigma and bring awareness to suicide and mental health; and

WHEREAS, Alabama businesses are in the unique position to leverage the learnings from our employees, including Servicemembers and Veterans, to encourage a national discussion on mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, and collaborate on meaningful solutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2022, as

Suicide Prevention 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 1st day of September 2022.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor