



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, William Roberts passed away on Thursday, July 23, following an extensive and courageous battle against bone cancer. Son of Jason and Brittney Roberts, Will was a testament to Alabama bravery, touching the hearts of many over the course of his journey; and

WHEREAS, Will courageously fought osteosarcoma for over 18 months. At 15 years old, Will's bright personality and joyful spirit caught significant public attention, generating support from thousands of strangers across the nation, including messages of support and donations that helped cover the cost of his experimental treatment; and

WHEREAS, through his unwavering faith in Jesus, Will endured suffering with strength and joy. His trust in the Lord remained throughout unimaginable challenges, impacting lives far beyond his years. His bravery united thousands of strangers in prayer, encouragement and community. Will's life was a part of a much bigger story, and his family witnessed many brought together through the power of God; and

WHEREAS, Will's legacy is more than that of a cancer patient. He is a beloved son, a brave fighter, a kind friend, a devoted Christian, a joyful spirit and much more. He is an example of strength in suffering that reached so many across the nation and impacted the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, I join the Roberts family, many Alabamians and people across our nation in mourning the loss of Will. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and all who loved him. His life and legacy remain in the hearts and minds of the countless lives he touched:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2026, as

Will Roberts Day

in the state of Alabama in honor of his life and in recognition of every child who has battled or is battling childhood cancer across our state. Will represents the countless other childhood cancer patients who have fought and continue to fight this disease. His courage is an inspiration to be strong, keep hope and have faith.



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 29th day of July 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor