



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, in America, millions of people with intellectual disabilities and their families rely on the support and understanding of others; and

WHEREAS, assistance is often needed to help people with disabilities develop to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, advocacy associations have been established at local, state and national levels that provide guidance on education, health, recreational, legal and employment issues; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is home to world-class medical institutions including Children's of Alabama and the Alabama Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders, which provide critical care, treatment and support for children battling cancer and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic, fraternal organization, provides outreach and assistance to those with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, through their annual campaign, Knights of Columbus Councils in Alabama solicit donations by conducting various fundraising activities primarily during the month of October; and

WHEREAS, during the last 48 years, the Knights of Columbus have collected over \$6 million to assist Alabama citizens with intellectual disabilities:

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

Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities 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 8th day of September 2026*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor