



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, childhood cancer remains the leading cause of disease-related death for children in the United States, including here in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200 children are diagnosed with cancer each year in the state of Alabama, joining the more than 15,000 children diagnosed nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancers are largely unknown, and though new research is being conducted, rates of childhood cancer have continued to rise over the past few decades; 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, many rural Alabama families must travel significant distances to receive specialized pediatric oncology care, creating additional financial and logistical hardships during an already challenging time; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the signs and symptoms of childhood cancer can lead to earlier detection, when treatment may be most effective; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of non-profit organizations throughout Alabama work tirelessly to provide support services, fund research, raise awareness and advocate for children with cancer and their families. Alabama's researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer, and

WHEREAS, the gold ribbon is recognized as the international symbol of childhood cancer, representing the precious lives of children fighting this disease and the resilience they demonstrate each day. Throughout the month of September, communities across Alabama will host events, fundraisers and educational campaigns to increase awareness and show support for children with cancer and their families:

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

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama. I encourage all Alabamians to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support this cause that deeply impacts families in every community across our country.



*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 10th day of September 2026.*

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor