



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, with one in 285 children in the United States being diagnosed by their 20th birthday, and 46 children per day, or 16,790 per year, being diagnosed with cancer in the US. The average age is 6 years old; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, about half of childhood cancer families face severe financial burdens; and

WHEREAS, in the past 30 years, only six new FDA-approved childhood cancer drugs have been developed, and the National Cancer Institute admits childhood cancer research needs funding, whereas numerous nonprofits, like the American Childhood Cancer Organization, support families through education and financial aid, and researchers and healthcare professionals dedicate their expertise to treating children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as,

Childhood Cancer 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 30th day of July 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor