



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, moms and babies face serious health risks and March of Dimes fights for their health through research, education advocacy, and programs; and

WHEREAS, March of Dimes has developed a collaborative model to study and prevent preterm birth through groundbreaking research at five Prematurity Research Centers; and

WHEREAS, March of Dimes is committed to mobilizing the nation by amplifying the voices of women and families; and

WHEREAS, 7,461 babies were born preterm in 2022 in the state of Alabama, representing 12.8 percent of all state births; and

WHEREAS, in Alabama, March of Dimes has worked extensively to extend postpartum Medicaid to 12 months and work on programs to address the maternity care deserts, including Mom & Baby Mobile Health Centers; and

WHEREAS, March of Dimes looks forward to partnering with the state of Alabama in response to the continued maternal and infant health crisis of prematurity; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as Prematurity Awareness Month and November 17 is recognized as World Prematurity Day to raise awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2024, as

World Prematurity Day

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 31st day of October 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor

