

## **Proclamation**By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, gynecologic (GYN) cancers are among the leading cancer killers of women in the United States, and more than 107,000 women will be diagnosed, and more than 31,000 women will die from these diseases this year and the absence they leave in our hearts will be deeply felt forever; and

WHEREAS, the Laura Crandall Brown Foundation and their "A State of Teal" initiative brings awareness of all GYN cancers to people throughout the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of women in the state are enhanced by increased awareness of GYN cancers and their symptoms and treatments; and

WHEREAS, it is also crucial that all women in the State of Alabama take an active role in learning the symptoms and risk factors associated with GYN cancers, developing healthy habits and undergoing regular medical examinations, so that any occurrence of these diseases may be detected in their early and treatable stages; and

WHEREAS, we reflect upon the memory of those lost to these diseases, the bravery of those currently battling these diagnoses, the need for increased awareness, screening and research so that the women in our state might be spared from them in the future and encourage all citizens to work together to raise awareness of GYN cancers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2018, as

## Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to work together to raise awareness of GYN cancers and take part in the observance and recognition thereof.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2018.

Kay Ivey/Governor