

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Arachnoiditis, is a debilitating, progressive, multi-symptom, neurological disease that simultaneously involves the central nervous system affecting a range up to 51 of pain patients with injurious events; and

WHEREAS, Arachnoiditis attacks the function of the spinal cord, the afferent and efferent nerve pathways, and the PiaArachnoid sheath causing inflammation; and

WHEREAS, this progression of disease processes leads to a host of secondary symptoms indicative of severe injury to the central nervous system; and

WHEREAS, Arachnoiditis knows no age limit, and if left unrecognized, untreated, or mistreated, leads to a variety of symptoms that may result in devastating consequences which can impair the person's ability to function independently to meet their activities of daily living, employment, and lead to total disability; and

WHEREAS, prevention of this injury is paramount, and early diagnosis and intervention is crucial, and correct aggressive treatment by qualified medical professional can lead to a positive result before Arachnoiditis progresses and treatment becomes increasingly difficult; and

WHEREAS, the onset of Arachnoiditis in any form is increasing in association with the use of interventional anesthesia procedures, neurotoxic drugs including unregulated compounded drugs, spinal surgeries, and hospital acquired infections (HAIs), and, medical professionals are under trained in detection, diagnosis, treatment and integrated care needs of affected persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim July 2019, as

## Arachnoiditis 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 11th day of June 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor