



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Usher Syndrome is a relatively rare genetic disorder caused by a mutation in any one of eleven genes resulting in a combination of hearing loss and visual impairment; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 400,000 people are affected by this genetic disorder worldwide, with approximately 50,000 of those in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, Usher Syndrome, which is presently incurable, affects three major senses in the body including vision, hearing and balance; and*

*WHEREAS, there are three clinical types: Type 1, Type 2 and Type 3, which are distinguished by the severity and age when the signs and symptoms appear; and*

*WHEREAS, there are at least eleven different genetic types of Usher Syndrome, as determined by the genes that are involved; and*

*WHEREAS, one cannot determine the genetic type by clinical testing, as DNA testing is the only reliable way of determining the true genetic type; and*

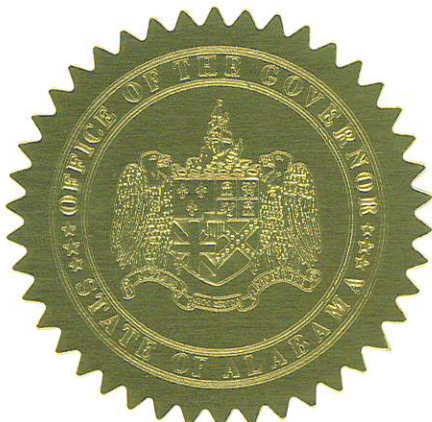
*WHEREAS, due to limited public awareness, those affected with Usher Syndrome may suffer with depression, anxiety, isolation and loss of independence; and*

*WHEREAS, the Usher Syndrome community is uniting around the world to spread public awareness but especially to be recognized annually the 3rd Saturday of September;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2019, as*

# Usher Syndrome Awareness 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor