



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT Deficiency or Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults or in lung disease in adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations. An estimated 100,000 Americans and an estimated 25 million people in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene that causes Alpha-1 and may pass the gene on to their children; and

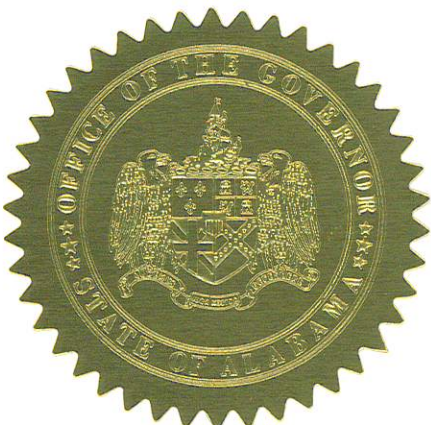
WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed. Fewer than 10 of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder;

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

Alpha-1 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 5th day of November 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor