

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the good health and general well-being of the people of Alabama is strengthened by our awareness and understanding of a genetic disorder known as 4p- syndrome, with Wolf-Hirschhorn as the main syndrome; and

WHEREAS, children with 4p-syndrome are usually born with low birth weight and develop slowly, both cognitively and physically, compared to their same-age peers, and experience medical complications while still maintaining pleasant and lovable personalities; and

WHEREAS, dedicated professionals are presently involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools, and to offer hope to persons with 4p-syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the 4p-Support Group estimates that approximately 1,000 individuals in the United States have 4p-syndrome, though it is thought many remain undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the citizens of Alabama to work together as a people and as a state to increase research into understanding the syndrome, to advocate for effective diagnostic screenings, to support the development of improved therapies for early intervention and other necessary and critical treatments,

WHEREAS, recognizing and applauding the valuable role which families and advocates of those who have 4p-syndrome play in helping our medical community advances the knowledge and awareness of this syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is pleased to join people throughout our nation in promoting a special celebration which seeks to raise awareness of 4p- syndrome, designed to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of all people with 4p- syndrome and their caregivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2020, as

## 4p-/Wolf-Hirschhorn 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

Kay Ivey, Governor