

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public safety issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10% actually do; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is home to a number of committed public service and private organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the Vitalant, American Red Cross, the Dr. Daliah Show and many more; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2020, as

## Blood Donation 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 1st day of July 2020.

Kay Ivey, Governor