



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS*, pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

*WHEREAS*, today, there are over 254,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States, with more than 9,800 practicing in Alabama, providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

*WHEREAS*, the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

*WHEREAS*, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups—both clinically and demographically; and

*WHEREAS*, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

*WHEREAS*, pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus and level of expertise on medication therapy that exceeds that of other health care providers, are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management; and

*WHEREAS*, pharmacists provide both expertise and accessibility which are crucial to patients fully optimizing access to medications that are not self-administered such as, but not limited to immunizations; and

*WHEREAS*, pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care professionals to help ensure patients are adherent to their medications, and provide patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes; and

*WHEREAS*, the Alabama Pharmacy Association has declared October as Pharmacists Month in Alabama with the theme Pharmacists: Easy to Reach, Ready to Help;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2020, as

# *Pharmacists 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor