

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates, affects more than 5 million people in the United States, yet is little known or understood; and

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is paralysis of the stomach which is characterized by sometimes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight fluctuations, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and

WHEREAS, there is little awareness, no known cure, and few consistently safe, reliable, and effective medications or treatments; and

WHEREAS, we seek further research, improved medications, additional treatment options, better support and hope for our future; and

WHEREAS, we seek to educate the citizens of our state, the medical community and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of our condition for the good of public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2021, as

## Gastroparesis 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

Kay Ivey, Governor