

## **Proclamation**

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, 500,000 babies are admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) every year; and

WHEREAS, families of NICU babies often struggle to find resources, support and education; and

WHEREAS, funding for research into the causes of a NICU stay as well as the holistic care of NICU families is vital; and

WHEREAS, NICU Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by NICU to share their story, to honor dedicated health professionals and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of NICU Awareness Month will also provide visibility to research that improves the quality of life for NICU babies and their parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2021, as

## NICU 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 24th day of August 2021.

Kay Ivey, Governor