

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, more than 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness and their families receive care annually from the nation's hospice care programs in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, hospice offers a distinctive way of caring for terminally ill patients and their families, enabling them to live comfortably and with dignity in their final days; and

WHEREAS, hospice care offers those they serve the high-quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals and trained volunteers that include physicians, nurses, social workers, health aids, spiritual care providers and more; and

WHEREAS, hospice organizations are advocates and educators for advance care planning that helps individuals make decisions about the care they want; and

WHEREAS, the hospice care philosophy places the needs of the individual at the center of care allowing patients and families or caregivers to focus on quality of life, surrounded and supported by family and love ones, despite serious and life-limiting illness;

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

## Hospice Care 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

Kay Ivey, Governor