

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the practice of medicine is a special calling, and those who have chosen the medical profession serve their communities with reverence for human life and individual dignity; and

WHEREAS, physicians, from the specialist to the general practitioner to those who serve in the Armed Forces, engage in years of study and training, endure long and unpredictable hours and often cope with the conflicting demands of work and family life to serve the needs of their patients and communities; and

WHEREAS, approximately 17,000 physicians licensed to practice in the state of Alabama serve millions of their fellow citizens in private practice, in hospitals, in research institutions and in other health care facilities during some of the most critical moments of life; and

WHEREAS, research done by physicians produces tremendous breakthroughs in treating and curing life-threatening diseases; and

WHEREAS, students attending Alabama's medical schools train to become the next generation of leaders in medicine, instilled with the drive to solve some of the greatest health care challenges we face; and

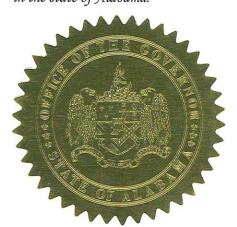
WHEREAS, we are especially grateful that Alabama physicians have risen to the challenge of combatting the coronavirus pandemic, often at great personal risk and sacrifice, with compassionate care for the suffering; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and appreciate current and future physicians who save lives and improve the health of Alabamians every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2022, as

## Doctors 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

Kay Ivey, Governor