



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) syndrome is characterized by the absence of a bone called the radius in each forearm and a shortage of blood cells involved in clotting; and

WHEREAS, this platelet deficiency usually appears during infancy and becomes less severe over time. In some cases the platelet levels become normal; and

WHEREAS, Thrombocytopenia prevents normal blood clotting, resulting in easy bruising and frequent nosebleeds; and

WHEREAS, hemorrhages can damage the brain and lead to intellectual disability; and

WHEREAS, affected children who survive this period and do not have damaging hemorrhages in the brain usually have a normal life expectancy and normal intellectual development; and

WHEREAS, the severity of skeletal problems in TAR syndrome varies among affected individuals; and

WHEREAS, TAR syndrome is unusual among similar malformations in that affected individuals have thumbs, while people with other conditions involving an absent radius typically do not;

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

TAR Syndrome 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 14th day of March 2022.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor