



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, families face serious health risks, and March of Dimes fights for their health by supporting research, leading programs and providing education and advocacy; and*

*WHEREAS, March of Dimes has developed a collaborative model to study and prevent preterm birth through groundbreaking research at five prematurity research centers; and*

*WHEREAS, March of Dimes is committed to mobilizing the nation by amplifying the voices of pregnant women and families; and*

*WHEREAS, 7,000 babies are born preterm each year in the state of Alabama, representing 12.9 percent of all state births; and*

*WHEREAS, in Alabama, March of Dimes has extensively worked with partners to lower preterm birth rate and infant mortality rate; and*

*WHEREAS, March of Dimes looks forward to partnering with Alabama in response to the continued maternal and infant health crisis of prematurity, and*

*WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as Prematurity Awareness Month, and November 17 is recognized as World Prematurity Day to raise awareness;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby extend special recognition to the March of Dimes in Alabama and proclaim November 17, 2022, as*

# *World Prematurity 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor