



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama's elderly and disabled adults are valued members of society; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized nationally that abuse of the elderly and disabled people is a significant and complex social and health problem that impacts all cultural, social, economic and demographic groups; and

WHEREAS, elderly and disabled adults should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and active members of society; and

WHEREAS, combating abuse and empowering elderly and disabled adults will help improve their quality of life, allow them to continue to live as independently as possible and add to their overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources Adult Protective Services program and the Alabama Department of Senior Services are committed to working closely with community partners to protect and provide for the needs of our elderly and disabled citizens; and

WHEREAS, we all are responsible for building safer communities for Alabama's elderly and disabled adults; and

WHEREAS, we should all report elder abuse, neglect and exploitation when we suspect it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2018,
as

Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of elder and disabled adult abuse, neglect and exploitation.



*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 30th day of May 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor