



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, established in 1965, Head Start is a national, federally funded, early childhood development program that serves children and families and whose purpose is to help children achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Head Start provides comprehensive health, nutritional, educational, social services, family and community development and meaningful parent engagement; and

WHEREAS, Head Start focuses on children's language development, early literacy, social skills and giving their parents the skills in becoming their child's first and best teacher; and

WHEREAS, Head Start recognizes that the needs of young children and families throughout Alabama must become a top priority for future decision makers by investing financial resources and talent in the prevention of health and mental health and educational disabilities, child abuse and neglect, and family dysfunction; and

WHEREAS, Head Start encourages all parents of preschool age children to participate in literacy activities, such as reading a book with your child, attending a play with your child, and going to the library with your child during the month of October;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2017, as

Head Start Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama and we call on Head Start centers and other educational and community groups to call attention to Head Start activities with appropriate ceremonies and celebrations.



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 3rd day of October 2017.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor