



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) are the leading preventable causes of birth defects and developmental disabilities in newborns; and

WHEREAS, FASD is an umbrella term used to describe the lifelong physical, cognitive and behavioral effects that can occur due to alcohol use during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, even minimal drinking during pregnancy can cause harm to developing brain cells and result in brain damage, facial deformities and growth abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, specific conditions include Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), partial FAS and Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ARND); and

WHEREAS, alcohol education, maternal health and FASD education can result in a reduction of FASD; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, September 9th has been observed as International FASD Awareness Day to encourage expectant mothers to abstain from alcohol during pregnancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2023, as

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness 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 7th day of September 2023.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor