



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, bullying is when one or more people repeatedly harm, harass, intimidate, or exclude others, and the person or people being bullied haven't been able to make it stop; and

WHEREAS, bullying behavior involves a power imbalance and is carried out on purpose; and

WHEREAS, bullying jeopardizes children's safety and potentially creates both short- and long-term problems for all children involved; and

WHEREAS, children who are bullied, as well as children who witness bullying, are more likely to develop future academic problems and psychological difficulties such as depression and low self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, children who regularly bully others are at greater risk of becoming perpetrators of domestic violence, child abuse, hate crimes, sexual abuse, and other illegal behaviors; and

WHEREAS, bystanders who witness bullying have the power to help stop it by using assertive behavior to report and refuse bullying;

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

Bystander Power Day

in the State of Alabama and encourage all community members to use their bystander power to prevent future incidents of bullying by recognizing, reporting and refusing bullying.



*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 6th day of September 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor