
State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

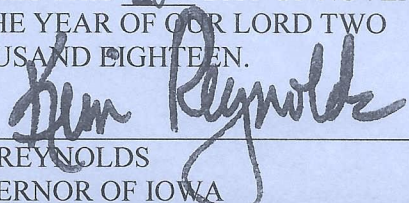
- WHEREAS,** Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups; it is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1 and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha-1 is widely underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed; it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE
OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES
MOINES THIS 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO
THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.



KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA