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**ALABAMA TO LIGHT UP FRIDAY NIGHTS – SPECIAL OCTOBER  
CELEBRATION WILL HONOR ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

Governor Kay Ivey  
President

**Montgomery, Ala.** – As COVID-19 continues to impact the world, America’s healthcare community is not letting up!

Jackie Zeigler  
District I  
Vice President



Alabama’s healthcare professionals continue to amaze us with their tireless efforts in defending our local communities – *protecting public health, safety, and wellness.*

Tracie West  
District II

This month, the Governor’s Office in conjunction with the Alabama Hospital Association, local civic organizations, and the Alabama State Department of Education will honor our entire healthcare community this October, during a special appreciation celebration called *Light Up Friday Nights.*

Stephanie Bell  
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Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
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President Pro Tem

During this month-long celebration, Alabamians are encouraged to show their personal appreciation for all healthcare professionals, by turning on their porch lights every Friday night in October – **Alabama will Light Up Friday Nights!**

Tommie T. Stewart, Ph.D.  
District V

Healthcare careers are now some of the fastest-growing sectors in the U.S. economy, and employ more than 18 million highly skilled professionals nationwide.

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.  
District VI

“Let’s say ‘thank you’ to Alabama’s *Healthcare Heroes*,” said State School Nurse Administrator Jennifer Ventress. “This special celebration promises to inspire our state’s entire medical community, all school nurses, and every healthcare association. Alabama’s medical professionals are truly deserving of this great acknowledgement.”

Jeff Newman  
District VII

**Schools statewide will also demonstrate their personal appreciation for these heroes too, during the week of October 16.** Many local schools are planning special tributes and recognitions during their upcoming Friday night football games.

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.  
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Join in the celebration this month and *Light Up Friday Nights* in your community.

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Secretary and  
Executive Officer

Learn more about this exciting initiative at <https://www.alaha.org/light-up-friday-nights/> or contact Alabama Hospital Association Communication Director Jeannie Gaines at [jgaines@alaha.org](mailto:jgaines@alaha.org).

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