



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INTESTINAL MALROTATION AND VOLVULUS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Intestinal malrotation is a congenital birth defect that occurs when the intestine fails to rotate correctly during embryonic development. This can lead to volvulus, a life-threatening surgical emergency where the intestine twists, restricting blood flow to vital organs; and
- WHEREAS:** Malrotation may affect one in 500 births, with one in 3,500 becoming symptomatic. Out of these, fifty-eight percent will be diagnosed as infants, and forty-two percent will be diagnosed post-infancy; and
- WHEREAS:** To decrease the mortality and morbidity associated with malrotation, it is vital for healthcare providers and the community to be aware of signs and symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** The cardinal symptom of volvulus is vomiting bile, a green or bright yellow fluid, which is reported in eighty-five percent of pediatric cases. Other symptoms include abdominal pain, dehydration, and lethargy; and
- WHEREAS:** Intestinal Malrotation and Volvulus Awareness Day provides an important opportunity to highlight the urgency of this condition, and it further serves to fulfill the Intestinal Malrotation Foundation's mission to raise awareness, increase research, educate healthcare professionals, and provide support to those who are affected; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2020 as INTESTINAL MALROTATION AND VOLVULUS AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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