



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RARE DISEASE DAY

- WHEREAS:** A rare disease is an ailment that affects fewer than 200,000 individuals. Nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions are considered rare in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and
- WHEREAS:** While each rare disease only affects a small number of people, they affect almost 30 million Americans altogether; and
- WHEREAS:** Though more than 450 drugs and biologics have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases, millions of Americans are still left without treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Many rare diseases are serious, debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems like diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and
- WHEREAS:** Nearly one in ten Americans have a rare disease, and thousands of Georgians are among those affected; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 29, 2020 as RARE DISEASE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF