



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS:** Down Syndrome Awareness Month is an important opportunity to raise public awareness of this common chromosomal disorder while celebrating the accomplishments of and advocating acceptance for people with Down Syndrome; and

**WHEREAS:** The most common chromosomal condition, Down Syndrome results in an individual being born with an extra chromosome; and

**WHEREAS:** Between 2012 and 2016, 13.4 out of every 10,000 people in Georgia were born with Down Syndrome, and nationally about every 1 in 700 babies is born with the disability; and

**WHEREAS:** People with Down Syndrome are capable of many of the same things as people without the disability, and this month helps Georgians to understand these individuals and increase opportunities for them; and

**WHEREAS:** During Down Syndrome Awareness Month, the State of Georgia recognizes the achievements and abilities of people with Down Syndrome, and seeks to remove any stigma associated with the disability; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Markus Kipferich*

CHIEF OF STAFF