



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** As many as 32 million Americans have food allergies, nearly 6 million of whom are children under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS:** Research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame. Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and
- WHEREAS:** Food allergy results in more than 200,000 emergency room visits each year. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
- WHEREAS:** The number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment is up sharply over the past decade, with 377 percent rise in insurance claim lines with diagnoses of anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations across the United States and in Georgia, including Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE), are dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies. These organizations work to provide individuals with food allergies with hope through the promise of new treatments; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 9-16, 2021, as FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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