



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LIGHT IT UP GREEN FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and
- WHEREAS:** All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and
- WHEREAS:** Muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity. More than one million individuals in the United States are affected by one of many different types of muscular disorders; and
- WHEREAS:** Research has yielded more new drugs to treat four types of muscular diseases: Duchenne, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis and Lou Gehrig's - ALS; and
- WHEREAS:** Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Muscular Dystrophy Awareness / Light it Up Green for MD month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as LIGHT IT UP GREEN FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF

