



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease, which has a distinct impact on each patient; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the National Institute of Health, MSA affects between 15,000 to 50,000 Americans, including many Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** Symptoms include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and
- WHEREAS:** A multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for patients and caregivers, including support groups; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased education and awareness are needed to assist in accurately diagnosing MSA, to raise funds for research for treatments with fewer side effects, and ultimately, to find a cure; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia joins the MSA worldwide community in recognizing March as Multiple System Atrophy Month; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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