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 8th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

[Signature]

CHIEF OF STAFF