



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK

- WHEREAS:** There are currently more than 145,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) and osteopathic medical students in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** D.O.s have made tremendous contributions to the American health care system since the osteopathic medicine field was founded by Andrew Taylor Still, M.D., D.O., in 1847; and
- WHEREAS:** D.O.s are fully licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including surgery. They are trained to consider the health of the whole person and that of their communities through education and awareness-based efforts and by delivering quality health services; and
- WHEREAS:** The citizens of the State of Georgia recognize the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing attention to improving the health of Americans, regardless of age, income level, or ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS:** The observance of Osteopathic Medicine Week provides an important opportunity to educate Georgians and Americans about D.O.s and osteopathic medicine; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021, as OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK 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 March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF