



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) is a progressive genetic disorder that causes damage to the kidneys and the cardiovascular, endocrine, hepatic, and gastrointestinal organ systems; and
- WHEREAS:** PKD causes kidney function decline and is one of the four leading causes of kidney failure in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** People who have chronic, life-threatening diseases like PKD have a predisposition to depression and are seven times more likely than the national average to experience thoughts of suicide due to their anxiety over pain, suffering, and premature death; and
- WHEREAS:** PKD has a devastating impact on the health and finances of people of all ages, and affects all people without regard for demographics; and
- WHEREAS:** By recognizing the need to raise awareness of PKD, the State of Georgia hopes to empower patients and families to seek diagnosis, support, and appropriate treatment; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE 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 19th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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