



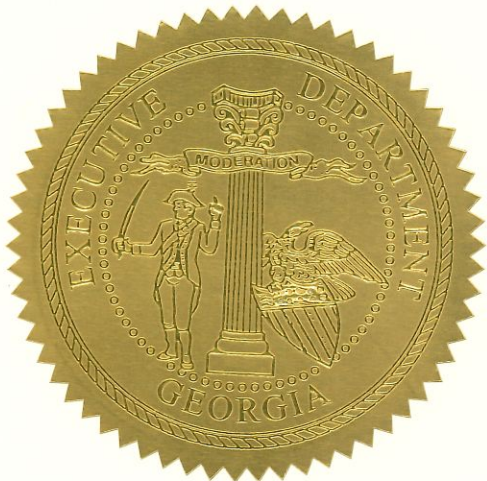
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Sepsis is one's bodily reaction to an infection and is a life-threatening condition which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, or possibly death; and
- WHEREAS:** Almost any type of infection can lead to sepsis which can cause high heart rate, low blood pressure, shortness of breath, confusion, pain, and/or fevers; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, sepsis affects 1.7 million people and takes up to 270,000 lives every year in the United States. Young children and the elderly are at the highest risk in dealing with sepsis; and
- WHEREAS:** The signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic device "TIME," which stands for Temperature, Infection, Mental decline, and Extremely ill; and
- WHEREAS:** Awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment can save lives and improve outcomes of survivors. It is important to be aware of sepsis and support hardworking healthcare workers helping patients across Georgia and our nation; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as SEPSIS 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Manton Kippenrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF