



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** A spinal cord injury is an injury to an individual's spinal cord resulting in temporary or permanent changes in the spinal cord's normal motor, sensory, or autonomic function; and
- WHEREAS:** Those who sustain spinal cord injuries often face permanent and profound neurologic deficits and accompanying paralysis; and
- WHEREAS:** These injuries often result from car accidents, but they can also occur due to falls, acts of violence, sports injuries, and non-traumatic injuries such as a spinal disease. Regardless of the cause, spinal cord injuries can alter an individual's life forever; and
- WHEREAS:** Currently, approximately 285,000 Americans are living with spinal cord injuries and roughly 17,500 new cases of spinal cord injuries occur each year. Each case is unique and affects each person's life in different ways; and
- WHEREAS:** In September 2014, U.S. Senate Resolution 533 established September as National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS:** Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month provides opportunities for numerous organizations, including the United Spinal Association's Atlanta Chapter, to generate greater awareness regarding the injury, educate the community at large, and promote research efforts to help those affected regain mobility; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as SPINAL CORD INJURY 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 26th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martin Kiperovich

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