

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TAR SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) syndrome is characterized by the absence of the

radius bone in each forearm and a shortage of blood cells involved in clotting; and

WHEREAS: This shortage usually appears during infancy and becomes less severe over time, in some

cases becoming normal; and

WHEREAS: Thrombocytopenia prevents normal blood clotting, resulting in easy bruising and frequent

nosebleeds. Potentially life-threatening episodes of severe bleeding and hemorrhages may occur in the brain and other organs, especially during the first year of life, leading to

developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The severity of skeletal problems in TAR syndrome can impact skeletal growth, affecting

the thumbs, upper arms, legs, hip sockets, and other bones; and

WHEREAS: Continued education and research are needed to bring awareness to TAR syndrome; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as TAR SYNDROME 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 12th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

ATTEST