



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TRISOMY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Trisomy is the presence within a person's cells of a single extra chromosome, yielding a total of three chromosomes instead of a pair; and
- WHEREAS:** As a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur with any of the twenty-three pairs of chromosomes individuals have; and
- WHEREAS:** The most common trisomies in newborns are Trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome) Trisomy 18 (Edwards Syndrome) and Trisomy 13 (Patau Syndrome); and
- WHEREAS:** Local support groups, medical professionals, and online communities offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children; and
- WHEREAS:** Now is the time for all Georgians to educate themselves on all forms of trisomy, support families currently experiencing trisomy, and participate in helping individuals with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as TRISOMY 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 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martin Kippenrich

CHIEF OF STAFF