BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Vitiligo is an autoimmune disorder of unknown cause, characterized by loss of pigmentation in skin; and

WHEREAS: Vitiligo affects approximately 3 million Americans and about two percent of the world's population, including citizens across the State of Georgia. It may be hereditary and is the most common disorder of skin discoloration; and

WHEREAS: Georgians affected by vitiligo may be more prone skin sensitivity and other health complications; and

WHEREAS: Several diseases have been associated with vitiligo, including hyperthyroidism, Addison's disease, and lupus; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia joins the National Vitiligo Bond Incorporated Foundation and other interested agencies and organizations in promoting awareness about vitiligo to develop better therapies and care for those afflicted along with preventative measures; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2021, as VITILIGO 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 23rd day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF