



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CRANIOFACIAL AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA) began celebrating Craniofacial Acceptance Month in 2005 to bring awareness to the thousands of children born each year in the United States who are either born with or develop a craniofacial difference, which is a structural or physical anomaly of the head and/or face, with Craniosynostosis being seen in over 1,500 births a year in the United States alone; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals with craniofacial differences and their families often struggle to understand the diagnosis they are facing and how to move forward in their early stages of life, with families often under emotional and financial strain due to demands resulting from ongoing and expensive medical treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to the complexity of craniofacial syndromes, many affected individuals will often endure multiple surgeries before they reach adulthood; and
- WHEREAS:** Non-profits such as Children's Craniofacial Association serve populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professions who care for them by empowering and giving hope to individuals and families affected by these facial differences while working towards the vision of a world where all people are accepted for who they are, not how they look; and
- WHEREAS:** Children's Craniofacial Association has designated September of 2022 as the 17th year of Craniofacial Acceptance Month
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as CRANIOFACIAL 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 6th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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