



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Each year in the United States alone, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with 5p- Syndrome (five p minus), also known as Cat Cry Syndrome or Cri du Chat Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS:** Some common characteristics of Cri du Chat Syndrome at birth are a high-pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, and potential medical complications. "5p-" is a term used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five that is missing in these individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** Children born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and medical and educational professionals to help the child achieve his or her maximum potential; and
- WHEREAS:** Families of children diagnosed with Cri du Chat are often given outdated information, which is why raising awareness is necessary for the betterment of these individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes its citizens living with Cri du Chat and their loved ones and seeks to raise awareness of this condition and what people can do to help better understand and cope with it; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2022, as CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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