



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Endometriosis is a disease that occurs when tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows outside of the uterus. The tissue can also attach and damage other vital organs in the body; and
- WHEREAS:** Endometriosis affects approximately 200 million women worldwide and 10 percent of women in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** It can take several years for a woman to receive a proper endometriosis diagnosis. While awareness of this condition has increased over the past decade, it is important that we continue to advocate for greater understanding of endometriosis and available treatments; and
- WHEREAS:** The symptoms of endometriosis can include painful periods, excessive bleeding, pain while urinating or during bowel movements, fatigue, diarrhea, constipation, bloating, or nausea; and
- WHEREAS:** Endometriosis is commonly associated with infertility, and infrequently with ovarian cancer. While becoming pregnant and giving birth is possible for women with endometriosis, the condition can increase difficulty conceiving; and
- WHEREAS:** Increasing awareness and education of endometriosis can help ensure diagnosis and treatment begins at the earliest stage possible, minimizing the devastating effects and symptoms endometriosis can have on those living with this disease; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2022, as ENDOMETRIOSIS 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 28th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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