



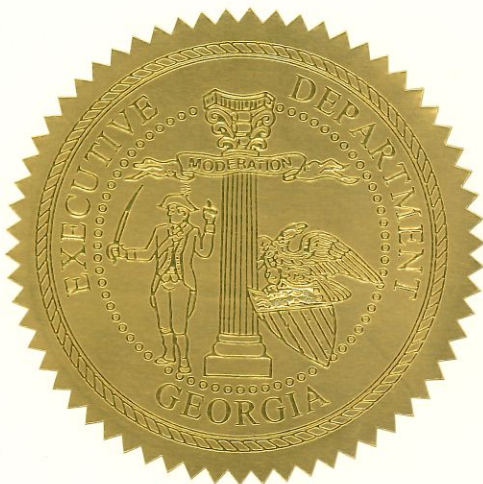
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** As many as 32 million Americans have food allergies, with nearly 6 million of those being children under the age of 18, and research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
- WHEREAS:** Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis, which is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year an estimated 3.3 million Americans require emergency room treatment for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to food; emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377 percent in only a decade; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations like Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE), a national nonprofit organization, are dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies and providing them hope through the promise of new treatments; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 4 – 8, 2022 as FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK 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 April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

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