BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GASTROSCCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: 1 in 2229 individuals are born with gastrochisis in the United States, and roughly the same number born in Georgia annually. While the disease itself may affect small numbers of people, its impact affects many more; and

WHEREAS: Those affected by gastrochisis can have serious and debilitating conditions that significantly impact their lives, including, but not limited to, slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long-term feeding issues; and

WHEREAS: Individuals and families affected by gastrochisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, limited treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

WHEREAS: The cause of gastrochisis is relatively unknown, and patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and

WHEREAS: Avery's Angels Gastrochisis Foundation (AAGF) is an organization founded on the initial cause of providing support to families, funding the needs of the cause above all else, and encouraging research to discover the causes and promote prevention; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2022, as GASTROSCCHISIS 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 28th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF