



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GOUT AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** More than 9 million Americans suffer from gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis which is caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and
- WHEREAS:** Gout causes sudden, excruciating attacks and impacts a patient's work, social life, and daily quality of life; and
- WHEREAS:** Black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than White Americans, and are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care; Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout, with 39 percent of the Hmong population showing signs of gout prior to age 30; and
- WHEREAS:** Stigma, lack of awareness, and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout, and heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience and empower them to seek quality care and timely treatment; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2022, as GOUT 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Manton Kippenrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF