



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

IBS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) is a disease of the gastrointestinal track characterized by abdominal pain, cramping and bloating, and altered bowel habits; and
- WHEREAS:** The major forms of IBS are diarrhea predominant (IBS-D), constipation predominant (IBS-C) and mixed IBS (IBS-M). This disease impacts work productivity and mental health and can diminish quality of life; and
- WHEREAS:** IBS is a chronic illness affecting approximately 45 million people in the United States, yet public awareness and medical understanding is severely lacking; and
- WHEREAS:** There is no known cure for IBS, and those that suffer from IBS are seeking more funding for research, treatments, and cures; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia encourages its citizens to be aware of the debilitating effects of IBS for the good of public health and to support those affected by this disease; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as IBS 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 21st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kippenich

CHIEF OF STAFF