



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LIMB-GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting. LGMD most commonly affects muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thigh. LGMD is not one disease, but rather a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 30 subtypes currently identified; and
- WHEREAS:** LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females, and symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence, or adulthood; and
- WHEREAS:** LGMD is a progressive and serious condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected individuals, as families affected by LGMD can experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding an expert, and lack of access to treatments or services; and
- WHEREAS:** Research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease, though there is still no known cure or treatment. While the public is familiar with some rare diseases and sympathetic to those affected, many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and
- WHEREAS:** A global collaborative of LGMD focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2022 that patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in the State of Georgia will participate in; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2022 as LIMB-GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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 1st day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF