



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Malnutrition Awareness Week is the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition's annual campaign to educate healthcare professionals, government leaders, community agencies, patients, and caregivers on the negative consequences of malnutrition; and
- WHEREAS:** Malnourishment is associated with higher medical costs, longer hospital stays, and increased mortality, and experts agree good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions; and
- WHEREAS:** Inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients and minority populations, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and
- WHEREAS:** Illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Malnutrition is a major factor in hospital readmissions, costs, and mortality, but screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention can help reduce malnutrition; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 19-23, 2022, MALNUTRITION 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 31st day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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