



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease, which has a distinctive impact on each patient; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition, MSA affects approximately 50,000 Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** Symptoms include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and
- WHEREAS:** A multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for patients and caregivers, including support groups; and
- WHEREAS:** There are some medications that treat the symptoms and some clinical trials for the development of improved treatment, but much more research is needed for better management of the disease and ultimately, a cure; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased education and awareness will assist in accurately diagnosing MSA and helping to raise funds for research for treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately, a cure; and
- WHEREAS:** March has been proclaimed as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month among the MSA worldwide community in dealing with the devastating effects of MSA; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY 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 25th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF