BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NECROTIZING FASCITIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Necrotizing Fasciitis was first described within medical literature in 1883 by Fournier and was originally described as a disease of unknown cause; and

WHEREAS: It is an uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin that attracts a high profile within the popular media where it is often referred to as the "flesh eating bacteria or virus;" and

WHEREAS: The most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic, Streptococcus pyogenes, and Staphylococcus aureus, either alone or in combination; other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally found within the intestine of normal healthy individuals; and

WHEREAS: Necrotizing Fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are precipitating factors; it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy, and hypertension; and

WHEREAS: In rare occasions, it may occur following minor injuries to the skin, falls, cuts, or tears but sometimes is not apparent and can occur in apparently healthy individuals; and

WHEREAS: Though it can affect anywhere on the body, the most common sites for it to involve are the abdomen, arms, legs, extremities, and face, particularly around the eyes; and

WHEREAS: While progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosing the disease, there is still much to learn about Necrotizing Fasciitis, but with increased research, the goal of discovering the cause, improving treatment, and finding a cure are attainable; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEIMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as NECROTIZING FASCITIS 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 8th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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