

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## **A PROCLAMATION**

## **NEPHROLOGY NURSES WEEK**

WHEREAS:

Nearly 37 million Americans suffer from kidney disease and every year many Georgia citizens, including children, adults, and older individuals, are diagnosed with kidney disease, the depth and breadth of the nephrology nursing profession meets the different and emerging kidney disease and other health care needs of the population of Georgia; and

WHEREAS:

The American Nephrology Nurses Association is working to advance quality care to Americans with kidney disease before they suffer complete organ failure, increase awareness in local communities, positively influence patient outcomes, and keep nephrology nurses abreast of the latest treatments and kidney-related research. Nephrology nurses function as educators, direct caregivers, and coordinators to help patients manage their lives while effectively dealing with their health issues; and

WHEREAS:

With the number of new patients diagnosed with kidney disease doubling in each of the last two decades, the demand for nephrology nurses will persist as this trend is expected to continue; and

WHEREAS:

Along with the American Nephrology Nurses Association, the Dogwood Chapter has declared the week of September 11 through 17, 2022, as Nephrology Nurses Week to celebrate and honor the work nephrology nurses perform each day to maintain the health of thousands of individuals with kidney disease; and

WHEREAS:

Georgia celebrates nephrology nursing's efforts to advance patient care and reduce the incidence of kidney disease, and show our appreciation for Georgia nephrology nurses; now

THEREFORE:

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 2022, as NEPHROLOGY NURSES WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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ATTEST

Marky Kilpstrich

CHIEF OF STAFF