



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RARE DISEASE DAY

- WHEREAS:** According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare, and as a group, they affect almost 30 million Americans, including many Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** Many rare diseases are serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected, and while the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved more than 450 drugs and biologics approved for the treatment of rare diseases, millions of Americans still have rare diseases for which there is no approved treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and
- WHEREAS:** While the public is familiar with some rare diseases and sympathetic to those affected, many patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases bear a large share of the burden of funding research and raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) along with thousands of patients and care givers, medical professionals, researchers and companies developing orphan products to treat people with rare diseases, and others throughout the State of Georgia will participate in observing Rare Disease Day; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2022 as RARE DISEASE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Sharon Kipertich

CHIEF OF STAFF