



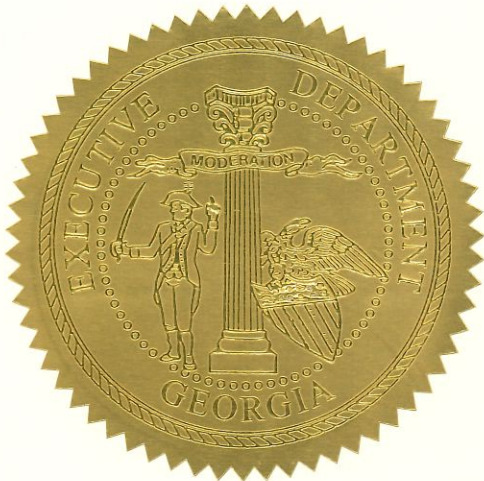
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Stroke is the second leading cause of death in the world, the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, and the fifth leading cause of death in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Strokes can happen to anyone, at any age, and about one in four people worldwide will have a stroke in their lifetime. On average in 2016, someone died of a stroke every three minutes and 33 seconds; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, roughly 800,000 people in the United State have a stroke, yet 90 percent of strokes are linked to ten avoidable risks. Nearly 50 percent of all adults in the U.S. have high blood pressure, the leading cause of strokes, and 74 percent of people with high blood pressure do not currently have it under control. In 2016, 2.7 million deaths were attributed to ischemic stroke, and 2.8 million deaths to hemorrhagic stroke; and
- WHEREAS:** Research shows that while most people say they would call 9-1-1 in a stroke emergency, real-world data shows that up to 75 percent of those experiencing a stroke first called friends or family, thinking their symptoms were not serious and would go away on their own. This results in important time lost and limits medical options to reduce the chances of disability and death; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia recognizes the various organizations around our state, including the Georgia Stroke Professional Alliance and American Stroke Association, that have made significant contributions to spreading community awareness through outreach, education, and screening programs. Through their efforts, the community is empowered with the lifesaving F.A.S.T message of early detection, knowledge regarding the importance of calling 911, and prevention information for stroke risk factor modification. Through stroke prevention and community awareness, an opportunity exists to unite the citizens of Georgia to prevent stroke deaths; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as STROKE 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kipertovich*

CHIEF OF STAFF