



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups. It is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1; and
- WHEREAS:** Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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