



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### CACNA1A AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** It is important to bring awareness to serious illnesses that affect the lives of citizens of Georgia, such as genetic variants on the CACNA1A gene; and
- WHEREAS:** A diagnosis of a genetic variant on the CACNA1A gene means an individual could have neurodevelopmental differences, epilepsy, ataxia, migraines, cerebellar atrophy, and eye movement disorders; and
- WHEREAS:** CACNA1A is a gene located on the short arm of the 19th chromosome that plays a vital role in the communication between neurons in the brain, and a change in the gene alters the function of the calcium channels affecting the release of neurotransmitters; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals with a variant on the CACNA1A gene can experience life-altering neurological emergencies of a hemiplegic migraine attack, stroke, coma, seizure emergencies, and cerebral edema; and
- WHEREAS:** Treatment options for individuals with a CACNA1A gene variant are limited to treating symptoms only with medications and diet; and
- WHEREAS:** Greater awareness of this condition can lead to better research and ultimately more treatment options for individuals with this condition; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 19, 2023, as CACNA1A AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha K. Lippert*

CHIEF OF STAFF