



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** More than 16,790 children are diagnosed with cancer in the United States every year, and one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday. Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children and adolescents across the country; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, hundreds of children in Georgia face the battle against cancer, a battle which impacts parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, neighbors, and communities. Thousands of our nation's children lose their battle with cancer each year, and many infants, children, and teens will suffer from the long-term side effects of comprehensive treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month serves to increase awareness of childhood cancer, including the need for early detection, proper treatment, research, and attention to late-term effects of treatment on childhood cancer survivors. As a result of greater treatment options, the five-year relative survival rate for childhood cancer is higher than 80 percent; and
- WHEREAS:** Several health care professionals, private philanthropies, and social support organizations are dedicated to helping children and their families by offering social, emotional, spiritual, educational, and financial support; and
- WHEREAS:** These groups are committed to supporting families and children through the uniquely difficult treatment process and funding more needed research to determine the best treatments and outcomes. The State of Georgia honors the children who have fought and are continuing to fight so bravely against this terrible disease; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as CHILDHOOD CANCER 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF