



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

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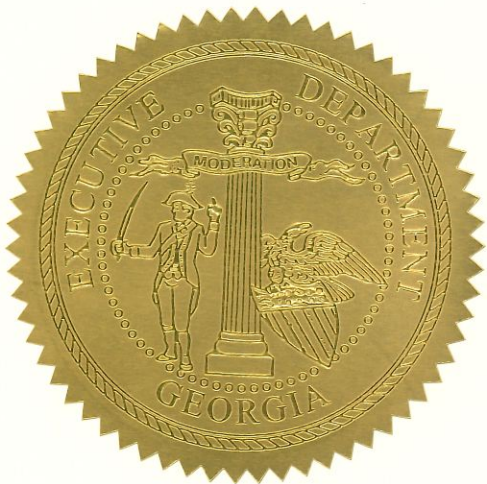
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WHEREAS: Improving the length and quality of life for people with cystic fibrosis starts with awareness; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as CYSTIC FIBROSIS 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 23rd day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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