



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

KLEEFSTRA SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Kleefstra Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder characterized by intellectual disability, low muscle tone, severe expressive speech delay and a distinctive facial appearance with a spectrum of additional clinical features. It is estimated about 1 in 25,000 individuals are born with this condition; and
- WHEREAS:** People living with this condition may also suffer from seizures, sleep disorders, autism, developmental delays, regressive behavior and more; and
- WHEREAS:** Addressing the complex medical needs early in life is imperative to helping families successfully care for their children at home. There is a need for more education, awareness and support for families faced with Kleefstra Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations such as IDefine, a nonprofit charitable organization founded by parents, seek to help support these individuals through continued efforts of empowering families, fueling research and educating communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia designates September 17 as Kleefstra Syndrome Awareness Day in order to raise public awareness about the condition and its complexities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2023, as KLEEFSTRA SYNDROME 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 25th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Marsha Lipscomb

CHIEF OF STAFF