



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients and minority populations, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and
- WHEREAS:** Illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Malnutrition is a major factor in hospitalized readmissions, cost, and mortality, but screening, assessment, diagnosis, and interventions can help reduce malnutrition; and
- WHEREAS:** Malnutrition Awareness Week aims to educate healthcare professionals, caregivers, patients, and the general public on the negative consequences of malnutrition; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased awareness of the risks and results of this disease will in turn decrease the prevalence of malnutrition across the country and beyond; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 18-22, 2023, as MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martin Kipatovich

CHIEF OF STAFF