



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MSD WORLD DAY

- WHEREAS:** More than 10 million people around the world – more than half of them children – have been diagnosed with Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency (MSD); and
- WHEREAS:** MSD impacts hundreds of children in the United States and more than 15,000 worldwide. Children with MSD typically do not live past their 13th birthday; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2021, MSD families around the world came together to create the first MSD World Day, to raise awareness around the disease that historically has received little to no research; and
- WHEREAS:** The date chosen in 2021 was July 30, in honor of the late Professor Thomas Dierks, a researcher who first described the biological cause of MSD, and whose team identified the SUMF1 gene that encodes for the formyl glycine generating enzyme deficiency in MSD children; and
- WHEREAS:** In the State of Georgia, MSD World Day helps to honor those impacted by Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency and to raise awareness across the state, nation, and world; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2023, as MSD WORLD DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipertovich

CHIEF OF STAFF