



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Since 1947, respiratory therapy in the United States has saved the lives of many suffering with critical diseases and conditions affecting the respiratory system; and
- WHEREAS:** Respiratory therapists help patients understand their lung disease, so they can manage their daily symptoms, which reduces hospitalization due to a chronic disease. Not only can their work be physically demanding, but they often face life-threatening situations or exposure to infectious diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 135,800 respiratory therapists act as everyday heroes throughout the United States as they deliver care and work tirelessly to provide support to millions of Americans in need of respiratory services; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 34 million people living in the United States live with a chronic lung disease. Alongside physicians and multidisciplinary teams, respiratory therapists provide emergent and long-term care in multiple work settings to treat patients; and
- WHEREAS:** This annual observance is both a week of celebration and a testament to the unity, dedication, and profound impact that respiratory therapists have on healthcare. Through shared values, patient advocacy, and community engagement, respiratory therapists pave the way for a healthier future, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and lives of those they touch; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 22nd – 28th, 2023 as RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF