



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Scleroderma is a rare group of diseases that cause the skin and connective tissue to harden and tighten; and
- WHEREAS:** Comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with scleroderma are important to achieving positive patient outcomes; and
- WHEREAS:** As research and care services improve for those suffering from Scleroderma, increased awareness of the condition and its implications will further benefit these individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes the month of June as Scleroderma Awareness Month, and Georgians are encouraged to wear teal throughout the month to show support of scleroderma awareness; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Chapter of the National Scleroderma Foundation and other organizational partners seek to raise community awareness through support, education, and research toward finding a cure for scleroderma; and
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2023, as SCLERODERMA 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Markus Kipertovich*

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