



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TELEHEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Telehealth is the use of electronic information and technologies, including videoconferencing, the Internet, store-and-forward imaging, streaming media, and wireless communications, to support virtual clinical health care, education for patients as well as healthcare professionals, public health, and health administration; and
- WHEREAS:** Telehealth emphasizes coordinated, patient-centered healthcare, and provides increased access to medical specialists by offering timely and more convenient consultation opportunities; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition to providing access to remote clinical healthcare, telehealth includes patient learning, continuing medical education, provider training, and administrative meetings; and
- WHEREAS:** Telehealth services in the State of Georgia include hospital ICU, acute stroke, pediatric emergency and critical care, and infectious disease care; community medical homes with maternal fetal medicine, pre- and post-surgery consultation, psychiatry, sickle cell, and nutrition counseling; and innovative portals to care such as home monitoring and consultation, school-based care, and special locations for victims of crime; and
- WHEREAS:** Telehealth Awareness Week serves as an opportunity to encourage all Georgians to learn more about telehealth and showcase how virtual care improves access to quality healthcare services for all communities across our Peach State; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 2023, as TELEHEALTH 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 25th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Marlene K. Petrich

CHIEF OF STAFF