

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

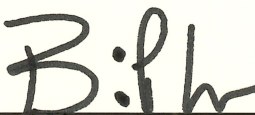
A PROCLAMATION

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and
- WHEREAS:** Every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS. On average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS:** ALS has no cure, and securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS. In addition, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for ALS patients; and
- WHEREAS:** 2024 marks the 10th Anniversary of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, but the need for public awareness and investments in ALS research is still very great in order to eradicate this debilitating disease; and
- WHEREAS:** During ALS Awareness Month, the State of Georgia encourages its citizens to learn more about the circumstances facing people with ALS, the detrimental impact of this disease, and its effects not only on a patient but on his or her family and community; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as ALS 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 15th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF