



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is a progressive and degenerative brain disorder that causes memory loss and affects self-care, decision making, and behavior; and
- WHEREAS:** There are 150,000 Georgians now living with Alzheimer's disease, and there are currently hundreds of thousands of unpaid caregivers providing millions of hours of support to loved ones with Alzheimer's disease each year. Dementia is the sixth leading cause of death in Georgia and the only leading cause of death with no known treatments to prevent, cure, or even delay the onset or slow the progression of the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** The first-ever drug treatments to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease in early-disease stage patients are now available thus accelerating the research pipeline for future drugs to target the underlying biology of Alzheimer's disease; and
- WHEREAS:** With early detection and diagnosis, individuals and families can gain access to medications and support services that promote quality of life, fully participate in planning for the future, and enroll in critical research trials; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias outlines the action steps that are being implemented by the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (GARD) Collaborative to promote brain health; develop a person-centered, dementia-capable, culturally responsive workforce; improve the quality of life for those living with dementia; provide evidence-based health care; ease the strain on family caregivers; and reduce associated costs in the future; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to recognize the stories, strengths, and efforts of the individuals, families, friends, and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease, as well as the tireless work of the researchers who are seeking a cause and cure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2024, as ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN 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 21st day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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