



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE DAY

- WHEREAS:** APOL1-mediated kidney disease (AMKD) is a spectrum of kidney disease associated with variants in the apolipoprotein L1 (APOL1) gene; and
- WHEREAS:** The APOL1 gene evolved over the past 3,000-10,000 years, and the mutation that evolved is associated with protection against a certain type of parasite that causes African sleeping sickness; and
- WHEREAS:** People with two of the APOL1 genetic mutations (or variants) are at a higher risk for developing kidney disease and even kidney failure; and
- WHEREAS:** Not everyone who has two copies of APOL1 genetic mutations will have kidney disease, but those who have mutations in both copies of the APOL1 gene face a 1 in 5 chance that they may develop kidney disease; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia joins the American Kidney Fund and other partnering organizations in raising awareness of this genetic mutation and encouraging those affected to get screened and to take early action to support their kidney health; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2024, as APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF