



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA DAY

- WHEREAS:** World Cholangiocarcinoma Day is celebrated on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in commemoration of all patients and caregivers impacted by the rare and lethal cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** Cholangiocarcinoma starts in the bile duct, a thin tube about 4 to 5 inches long, that reaches from the liver to the small intestine. Symptoms such as jaundice, abdominal pain, itchy skin, and weight loss do not usually present until advanced disease progression; and
- WHEREAS:** There are three types of cholangiocarcinoma: intrahepatic, extrahepatic, and perihilar, and the mortality rate has increased dramatically in the last decade; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated 10,000 people in the United States develop cholangiocarcinoma each year, and the chances of survival depend to a large extent on the location of the cancer and how advanced it is when it is found; and
- WHEREAS:** Cholangiocarcinoma patients are typically diagnosed at a late stage due to a lack of public awareness for early detection; and
- WHEREAS:** Foundations, research and teaching hospitals, rare cancer advocacy groups, and patient advocacy groups from around the globe have joined forces to increase cholangiocarcinoma advocacy, awareness, research, and education to bring improved outcomes for patients in earlier detection and treatment, and potential curative methods; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as the CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF