



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** A congenital heart defect (CHD) is an abnormality in the heart that develops before birth; and
- WHEREAS:** Congenital heart defects are the most common type of birth defect, and CHDs are also the most common cause of infant death due to birth defects; and
- WHEREAS:** Over one million families across America experience the hardships and challenges of raising children who suffer from congenital heart defects; and
- WHEREAS:** Some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth. When the condition goes undiagnosed, sudden cardiac death can occur, especially in youth athletes; and
- WHEREAS:** Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families who have been affected by congenital heart defects to celebrate life, remember loved ones they have lost, honor health professionals, and share information with the public; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2024, as CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Manton Lipson*

CHIEF OF STAFF