



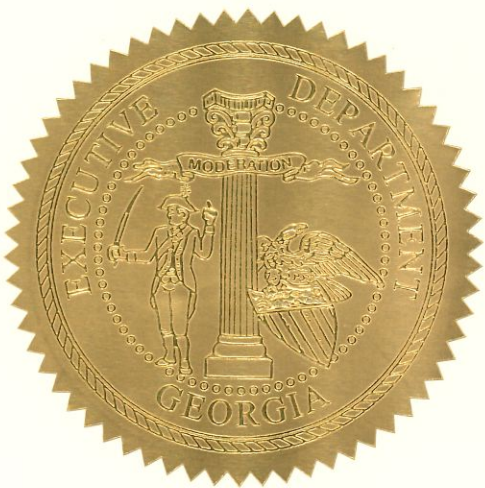
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Fabry disease is a progressive, potentially life-threatening inherited disorder, caused by variants in the GLA gene leading to a damaging buildup of lipids in multiple body organs and systems, including the heart, brain, kidneys, lungs, and the nervous, auditory, and digestive systems, and more; and
- WHEREAS:** While newborn screening for Fabry disease does exist, recent studies have suggested a higher prevalence of this disease than previously expected, creating the possibility for many children and adults to remain undiagnosed and untreated; and
- WHEREAS:** People with Fabry disease experience chronic pain in their extremities, temperature sensitivity, and gastrointestinal issues beginning in childhood. Adults may experience stroke, kidney and/or heart failure, lung disease, and hearing loss at relatively young ages; and
- WHEREAS:** Early diagnosis through testing and treatment is vital to reduce the occurrence of adverse quality of life and life-threatening complications. There are currently three FDA-approved treatments available to reduce symptoms and slow down the onset of organ damage; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of April is designated to raise awareness about Fabry disease among the public and medical experts, leading to increased research toward an ultimate cure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2024, as FABRY DISEASE 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 23rd day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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