



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Osteopathic physicians, also known as DOs, work in partnership with their patients, considering the impact that lifestyle and community have on the health of everyone. They are licensed to practice the full scope of medicine in all 50 states, practicing in all types of environments and in all types of specialties; and
- WHEREAS:** Osteopathic physicians are trained to incorporate Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT) into the care they provide, by working to support diagnoses, treat and prevent illness and injury, and encourage one's body to heal itself. This allows DOs to offer comprehensive medical care to their patients; and
- WHEREAS:** Osteopathic physicians are one of the fastest growing healthcare professions in the United States, with many osteopathic physicians filling a critical need by practicing in rural and medically underserved areas; and
- WHEREAS:** There are currently 3,300 Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine and 790 osteopathic medical students in Georgia. In addition, more than 25% of medical students in the United States are training to become osteopathic physicians; and
- WHEREAS:** The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine has expanded osteopathic medical education to PCOM Georgia in Suwanee, Georgia and PCOM South Georgia in Moultrie, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** April 15-19, 2024, is recognized as Osteopathic Medicine Week in order to recognize the innovative and essential care offered by DOs, and to increase public awareness of Osteopathic treatment and its availability for communities across the State of Georgia and the United States; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 15-19, 2024, as OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF