



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PARKINSONS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** The symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders; and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Currently, the disease affects approximately one million people in the United States, with 90,000 new people being diagnosed each year in the United States with Parkinson's disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and
- WHEREAS:** There is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** As volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families, increased research, awareness, and community support services provided by organizations like the Parkinson's Foundation and further supported in Georgia by programs like the Isakson Initiative are vital to finding more effective treatments, increasing access to quality care, and improving the quality of life for those affected by Parkinson's disease; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2024, as PARKINSONS 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 5th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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