



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PULMONARY REHABILITATION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Pulmonary disease is the third leading cause of death in the United States. Examples of Chronic lung disease include: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), including emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma, bronchiectasis, or cystic fibrosis; Interstitial lung diseases, including pulmonary fibrosis, sarcoidosis, and hypersensitivity pneumonitis; lung cancer; post lung volume reduction surgery; before and after lung transplantation; and pulmonary hypertension are examples of chronic lung conditions; and
- WHEREAS:** Pulmonary rehabilitation is a supervised education and exercise program designed to help people with chronic lung diseases. Participants may notice fewer breathing problems, more strength, and an improved quality of life; and
- WHEREAS:** Participants learn to exercise with less shortness of breath; give and receive peer support; and successfully adopt the skills and knowledge necessary to manage his or her condition; and
- WHEREAS:** The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) observes National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week on March 10-16, 2024. The theme for this year is, "Breathe Easy, Live Freely"; and
- WHEREAS:** During Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week, the State of Georgia recognizes the dedicated professionals who work continuously to share information about pulmonary disease, its prevention, and rehabilitation; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 10-16, 2024, as PULMONARY REHABILITATION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry
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