



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Since 1947, Respiratory Therapists in the United States have improved the lives of many suffering with a myriad of diseases and conditions effecting the lungs; and
- WHEREAS:** Respiratory Therapists often work to help patients understand their lung disease, so they can manage their daily symptoms, which reduces hospitalizations due to a chronic disease. Not only can their work be physically demanding, but they often face life-threatening situations or exposure to infectious diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 6,386 Respiratory Therapist are acting as everyday heroes throughout the State of Georgia as they deliver care and work tirelessly to provide their clinical expertise in caring for millions of Americans in need of Respiratory Care Services; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 33.8 million people living in the United States live with a chronic lung condition. Along with physicians and multidisciplinary teams, respiratory therapists provide patients with emergent and long-term care in multiple work settings to treat patients; and
- WHEREAS:** This annual observance is both a week of celebration and a testament to the unity, dedication, and profound impact that respiratory therapist have on healthcare. Through shared values, patient advocacy, and community engagement, Respiratory Therapists pave the way for a healthcare future, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and lives of those they touch; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2024, as RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF