



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a little-understood neurological disorder characterized by compulsive repetitive behaviors. Tic-like grimacing, shoulder-shrugging, sniffing, grunting, and coughing are some common symptoms of this disorder; and
- WHEREAS:** TS is often accompanied by other conditions, such as Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, learning disabilities and anxiety; and
- WHEREAS:** About 1.4 million people in the United States and 1 in 50 children aged 5-14 years are affected by this disorder. There is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder; and
- WHEREAS:** There is critical need for increased awareness and expertise to identify, counsel, and treat people with TS, a disorder that is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. Broadening public and professional knowledge can lead to more acceptance and improve quality of life for children and families; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia joins with Tourette Association of America and other organizations in working to raise awareness, advance research, and provide ongoing support to patients and families living with TS; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2024, as TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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