



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental condition that affects an estimated 1 in 40 children in Georgia, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Metropolitan Atlanta Developmental Disabilities Surveillance Program (MADDSP); and
- WHEREAS:** Early diagnosis, intervention, and access to specialized services are critical to improving the quality of life for individuals with autism and ensuring they reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Autism Initiative, in collaboration with state agencies, healthcare providers, and advocacy organizations, works diligently to support individuals with autism and their families by expanding access to early screening, behavioral therapy, and educational programs; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Education, through its Exceptional Student Services Division, continues to provide essential educational and support programs for students with autism, ensuring they receive the tools and resources needed for academic and social success; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals with autism contribute meaningfully to our communities, workforce, and society, and it is our collective responsibility to create an inclusive environment that values and supports all individuals, regardless of neurological differences; and
- WHEREAS:** World Autism Acceptance Day is observed annually on April 2, serving as an opportunity for communities across Georgia to promote awareness, education, and inclusion while advocating for policies and initiatives that support individuals with autism and their families; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2025, as AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry
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