



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BLOOD CLOT AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** A blood clot is a mass of blood that forms when platelets, proteins, and cells in the blood stick together. The body naturally forms blood clots after an injury to stop bleeding and to help the wound heal; and
- WHEREAS:** Sometimes, however, blood clots form where they should not, the body makes too many blood clots or abnormal blood clots, or blood clots formed to stop bleeding do not break down following an injury. These blood clots are dangerous and can materialize throughout the body. They can lead to illness, disability, and even death if not treated early; and
- WHEREAS:** Blood clots can be further defined as a deep vein thrombosis or a pulmonary embolism. A pulmonary embolism is a deep vein thrombosis that, if untreated, can travel to the lungs and cause a blockage requiring immediate and serious medical attention; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated 100,000 Americans die annually due to blood clots and many others have long-term complications. As indicated by the public education campaign "Stop the Clot, Spread the Word," made possible through the partnership of the National Blood Clot Alliance and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, up to 900,000 people are negatively affected by blood clots every year; and
- WHEREAS:** To better inform the public of the risks, signs, and symptoms of blood clots, the State of Georgia joins the National Blood Clot Alliance in promoting the month of March as Blood Clot Awareness Month; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2025, as BLOOD CLOT 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 27th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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