



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Fabry disease is a progressive, potentially life-threatening inherited disorder caused by variants in the GLA gene leading to a damaging buildup of lipids in multiple body organs and systems, including the heart, brain, kidneys, lungs, and the nervous, auditory, and digestive systems; and
- WHEREAS:** People with Fabry Disease experience chronic pain in their extremities, reduced ability to perspire, heat intolerance and overheating, and gastrointestinal issues beginning in childhood. Adults may experience stroke, kidney and/or heart failure, lung disease, and hearing loss at relatively young ages; and
- WHEREAS:** Newborn screening for Fabry disease is performed in several states and studies show a higher prevalence of 1 in 4,128 newborns than previously expected 1 in 50,000 newborns. This suggests many children and adults remain undiagnosed and untreated; and
- WHEREAS:** Early diagnosis with genetic testing and treatment is vital to reduce the occurrence of adverse quality of life and life-threatening complications. There are currently three FDA-approved treatments available to reduce symptoms and slow the onset of organ damage; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as FABRY DISEASE 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 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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