



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FOCAL SEGMENTAL GLOMERULOSCLEROSIS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Approximately 1 in 7 American adults have chronic kidney disease, and the third leading cause of chronic kidney disease is glomerulonephritis, often caused by rare kidney diseases such as focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS); and
- WHEREAS:** Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis is a condition referring to the scarring in the kidneys, and it often leads to a difficult journey that can in many cases result in kidney failure, requiring dialysis, transplant, and often cycles of remissions and relapse; and
- WHEREAS:** FSGS is a severe disease that often progresses rapidly to kidney failure and even for patients with primary FSGS who receive a kidney transplant, FSGS can recur in their transplanted kidney up to 50 percent of the time. 50 percent of patients with FSGS require dialysis or a kidney transplant within 5–10 years of their diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS:** FSGS can be diagnosed at any age, but diagnoses are most prevalent in adults over 45 years old. Many patients face delays in diagnosis with FSGS, due both to the difficulty of the rare disease diagnostic odyssey and challenges in accessing specialty nephrology care across the nation; and
- WHEREAS:** FSGS is a significant burden not just to the health and lives of patients and their families, but also incurs great challenges for the healthcare system and healthcare financing of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** There is new hope for patients with FSGS, with clinical trials underway for medicines that may delay progression of FSGS and the onset of kidney disease, including the potential for FDA approved therapies soon, and significant progress being made by patients, families, advocacy organizations like NephCure, researchers, and industry to validate proteinuria as an indicator of improvement in patients; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 10, 2025, as focal segmental glomerulosclerosis Day in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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