



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Food allergies are a life-changing, serious, and extremely prevalent disease. One in ten Georgia residents have food allergies; and
- WHEREAS:** Every 10 seconds, food allergy sends a patient to the emergency room. Research shows that prevalence of food allergy is increasing among both children and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic. Nine foods cause most of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame. Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe; and
- WHEREAS:** Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and
- WHEREAS:** There is much to be done to improve the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to provide them with the possibility of new treatment opportunities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2025, as FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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