



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** 1 in 2229 individuals are born with gastroschisis in the United States, and roughly the same number born in Georgia annually. While the disease itself may affect small numbers of people, its impact affects many more; and
- WHEREAS:** Those affected by gastroschisis can have serious and debilitating conditions that significantly impact their lives, including, but not limited, to slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long-term feeding issues; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, limited treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** The cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations such as Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) help to provide support to families, and encourage research to discover the causes and promote prevention; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia designates July 30, 2025, as a day to raise awareness of this disease and the life-altering impact it has on patients and their families; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2025, as GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF