



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INTERSTITIAL CYSTITIS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Up to 12 million Americans, many of them being Georgia residents, suffer from Interstitial Cystitis/Bladder Pain Syndrome (IC/BPS), a chronic bladder condition that usually consists of multiple symptoms including recurring pelvic pain, pressure, or discomfort in the bladder and pelvic region, and/or urinary frequency and urgency; and
- WHEREAS:** The root cause of IC/BPS remains unknown and there is currently no cure. Appropriate diagnosis can take months or years for patients as there is no specific test to identify IC/BPS, and treatment options and levels of relief vary greatly from patient to patient; and
- WHEREAS:** IC/BPS involves chronic pain which can greatly impact a patient's everyday activities, including the ability to work and mental health. IC/BPS patients have historically faced a lack of dignity and understanding for their condition; and
- WHEREAS:** The Interstitial Cystitis Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for IC/BPS awareness and research funding, while providing a community for patients to connect; and
- WHEREAS:** During Interstitial Cystitis Month, Georgians are encouraged to learn more about the conditions and potential risk factors, and to join in raising awareness of this condition to work towards more treatment and an eventual cure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 2025, as INTERSTITIAL CYSTITIS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry

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