

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MSD WORLD DAY

**WHEREAS:** More than 10 million people around the world – more than half of them children – have been diagnosed with Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency (MSD); and

**WHEREAS:** MSD impacts hundreds of children in the United States and more than 15,000 worldwide. Children with MSD typically do not live past their 13th birthday; and


**WHEREAS:** In 2021, MSD families around the world came together to create the first MSD World Day, to raise awareness around the disease that historically has received little to no research; and

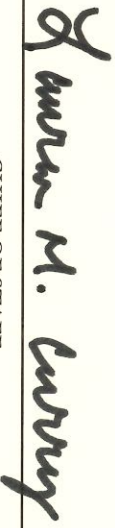
**WHEREAS:** The date chosen in 2021 was July 30, in honor of the late Professor Thomas Dierks, a researcher who first described the biological cause of MSD, and whose team identified the SUMF1 gene that encodes for the formyl glycine generating enzyme deficiency in MSD children; and

**WHEREAS:** In the State of Georgia, MSD World Day helps to honor those impacted by Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency and to raise awareness across the state, nation, and world; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2025, as MSD WORLD DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

  
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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF

