

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

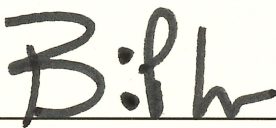
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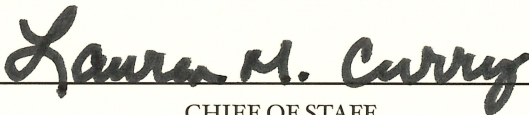
OCD AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) is a serious and often misunderstood mental illness that affects over 200 million people worldwide; and
- WHEREAS:** OCD Awareness Week is a global event dedicated to dispelling common myths and misconceptions about the disorder, promoting accurate understanding, and encouraging compassionate support; and
- WHEREAS:** Public stigma and a lack of awareness can create significant barriers, preventing individuals from seeking and accessing the timely, effective treatment necessary to manage their symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Effective treatments for OCD, such as Exposure and Response Prevention (ERP) therapy, are available and can enable individuals to move from a state of suffering to one of thriving. Sharing personal stories and engaging in educational efforts can help to break down the stigma surrounding mental illness and foster a more open and supportive community; and
- WHEREAS:** The observance of OCD Awareness Week provides an opportunity for individuals, families, and communities to learn about the disorder, support those affected, and advocate for greater access to mental health care; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2025, as OCD 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 11th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF