



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS:** Chronic pain is a major public health challenge affecting more than 24.3% adult population or more than 50 million in the United States, with approximately 20 million or 8.5% experiencing high-impact chronic pain that significantly limits daily life or work activities on most days; and

**WHEREAS:** Pain is the leading reason Americans seek medical attention and remains the number one cause of long-term disability in the nation; and

**WHEREAS:** The economic burden of chronic pain is substantial, with annual costs estimated at over \$635 billion, due to medical expenses, lost wages, and decreased productivity; and

**WHEREAS:** Chronic pain affects nearly every aspect of a person's life, including physical and emotional well-being, relationships, mental health, and the ability to participate fully in society. Individuals living with chronic pain often face stigma, delayed diagnosis, under-treatment, and inadequate access to effective, multidisciplinary care; and

**WHEREAS:** Raising awareness about the challenges faced by people with pain promotes empathy, equity, innovation in care, and public policies that improve quality of life; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2025, as PAIN AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

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