



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PARKINSONS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and its economic burden is estimated at least \$52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs such as treatment, social security payments, and lost income for patients and families; and
- WHEREAS:** Research suggests that Parkinson's disease is caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but its exact cause and progression remain unknown, and there is no objective test, biomarker, cure, or drug to slow or halt its progression; and
- WHEREAS:** The symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement, rigidity, balance issues, difficulty with swallowing, chewing, and speaking, cognitive impairment, dementia, mood disorders, and various other non-motor symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals continue to work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for individuals living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased research, education, and community support services, such as those provided by the Parkinson's Foundation and other organizations, are essential to finding more effective treatments and ensuring access to quality care for those affected by the disease today; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as PARKINSONS 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 24th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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