



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION**

**RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK**

- WHEREAS:** Since 1947, respiratory therapists in the United States have improved the lives of many suffering with a myriad of diseases and conditions affecting the lungs; and
- WHEREAS:** Respiratory therapists often work to help patients understand their lung disease, so they can manage their daily symptoms, which can reduce hospitalizations due to a chronic disease. Not only can their work be physically demanding, but they often face life-threatening situations or exposure to infectious diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 6,386 respiratory therapists are working throughout the State of Georgia as they deliver care and provide their clinical expertise to care for Georgians in need of Respiratory Care Services; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 33.8 million people living in the United States live with a chronic lung condition. Along with physicians and multidisciplinary teams, respiratory therapists provide patients with emergent and long-term care in multiple work settings to treat patients; and
- WHEREAS:** This annual observance is both a week of celebration and a testament to the dedication and profound impact that respiratory therapists have on healthcare. Through shared values, patient advocacy, and community engagement, respiratory therapists leave an indelible mark on the hearts and lives of those they touch; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

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