



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Scleroderma is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes hardening of the skin, connective tissues, and internal organs; and
- WHEREAS:** People living with this condition, an estimated 300,000 Americans, may also suffer from cardiovascular problems, rheumatoid arthritis, swallowing disorders, lupus, and more; and
- WHEREAS:** Comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with scleroderma are critically important to achieving positive patient outcomes. Further awareness of this condition is imperative to providing needed community education and support for families; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations such as the National Scleroderma Foundation provide much needed support to individuals suffering from this condition, empowering their families, educating communities, and researching to find a cure. Georgians are encouraged to wear the color teal and to participate in scleroderma-related events during the month of June; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia encourages its citizens, patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and organizations to learn more about this condition and to spread awareness in order to improve treatment options; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2025, as SCLERODERMA 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 20th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF