



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WORLD OSTOMY DAY

WHEREAS:

An ostomy is a type of surgery that creates an opening in the abdomen that allows for the removal of bodily waste when a person has lost the normal function of digestive or urinary systems due to various medical conditions; and

WHEREAS:

Approximately 725,000 to 1 million Americans have an ostomy, with approximately 100,000 new ostomy procedures performed each year; and

WHEREAS:

Ostomy or continent diversion surgery can occur at any age and affects people from all cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS:

The United States of America celebrates World Ostomy Day every three years on the first Saturday of October; and

WHEREAS:

Increasing public understanding of ostomy will eventually help dispel the fear of those about to undergo this surgery, as well as the fear that confronts their families; now

THEREFORE:

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2025, as WORLD OSTOMY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
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