

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## **A PROCLAMATION**

## X AND Y CHROMOSOME VARIATIONS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS:

X and Y chromosome disorders are common but frequently undiagnosed genetic conditions that differ from the normal chromosome 23 pairings, due to cellular processes that produce additional X or Y chromosomes to the normal complement of 46; and

WHEREAS:

The resulting total of 47 or more chromosomes may impact a child's developing central nervous system and body condition. One in 500 children in the United States has an X and Y chromosome variation causing complex learning disabilities, including language impairment, motor planning deficits, reading dysfunction and attention, and behavioral disorders; and

WHEREAS:

Although health care professionals have understood that genetic anomalies can impact a child's development, more information about X and Y chromosome variations is needed for improved diagnosis and to provide families and children with the proper support they need to navigate this disorder; and

WHEREAS:

In the State of Georgia, Emory Healthcare has established a multidisciplinary clinic named "The eXtraordinarY Clinic" to serve as a regional center of expertise to serve patients and families in this and surrounding states and will be the location for the national 2025 AXYS Community Conference on July 25-27; and

WHEREAS:

X and Y Chromosome Variations Awareness Month is a time to promote increased public awareness and cooperative efforts among organizations and professionals to address the numerous implications that living with X and Y chromosome variations can cause individuals and their families; now

THEREFORE:

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as X AND Y CHROMOSOME VARIATIONS 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Kaure M. Curry
CHIEF OF STAFF