



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHRONIC PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Chronic pain is a major public health challenge affecting more than 24.3% of the U.S. adult population, with much of this community experiencing high-impact chronic pain that significantly limits daily life or work activities; and
- WHEREAS:** Chronic pain affects nearly every aspect of a person's life, including physical and emotional well-being, ability to work, and the capacity to participate fully in society; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals living with chronic pain often struggle with a substantial economic burden stemming from their inability to work and the necessity to reallocate funds to maintain their health. 90% of the U.S.'s annual health care expenditures are administered to this population, signaling to how costly this state of living can be; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations, including the non-profit U.S. Pain Foundation, are dedicated to advocating for individuals living with chronic pain, as well as their caregivers and care teams; and
- WHEREAS:** Raising awareness about the challenges faced by people with pain promotes innovation in care, which eventually impacts public policies that improve quality of life; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2026, as PAIN 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 3rd day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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