



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** A congenital heart defect (CHD) is an abnormality in the heart that develops before birth; and
- WHEREAS:** Congenital heart defects are the most common birth defects in the United States. Nearly one of every 110 babies is born with a CHD; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year approximately 40,000 babies are born in the United States with a congenital heart defect, which equates to one child every 15 minutes, resulting in approximately two to three million individuals in the United States thought to be living with CHDs; and
- WHEREAS:** Over one million families across America experience the hardships and challenges of raising children who suffer from congenital heart defects; and
- WHEREAS:** Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families who have been affected by congenital heart defects to celebrate life, remember loved ones they have lost, honor health care professionals, and share information with the public; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2026, as CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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