



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FACILITY DOGS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta’s Canines For Kids Program was established in 2009, the first program of its kind in the country; and
- WHEREAS:** Facility dogs undergo a comprehensive and intensive training process for a duration of 18 months; and
- WHEREAS:** Each hospital-based facility dog has a Children’s employee handler who is responsible for caring and managing the dog; and
- WHEREAS:** Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta employs 16 full-time facility dogs in various departments, including the Arthur M. Blank, Scottish Rite, Hughes Spalding Hospitals and the Zalik Behavioral and Mental Health Center; and
- WHEREAS:** Canines For Kids is a goal-directed program that helps patients cope, heal and achieve treatment goals to ensure Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta is doing everything possible to make anything possible for kids; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 15th 2026, as FACILITY DOGS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 31st day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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