



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

**FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA
AWARENESS DAY**

- WHEREAS:

Familial Hypercholesterolemia is the most common genetic condition causing high levels of LDL cholesterol, or “bad” cholesterol, and an increased risk for early and aggressive cardiovascular disease, where 45,000 individuals in Georgia suffer its effects and fewer than 30 percent of those have been diagnosed; and
- WHEREAS:

Five percent of heart attacks that occur in individuals under age 60 and up to 20 percent of heart attacks that occur in individuals under age 45 are due to Familial Hypercholesterolemia; and
- WHEREAS:

The effects of Familial Hypercholesterolemia can be treated early on to reduce the risks, and can be identified via the collection of a detailed family history of cardiovascular disease and a blood cholesterol screen, and if necessary, confirmed with DNA testing; and
- WHEREAS:

The parents, siblings, and children of a person diagnosed with Familial Hypercholesterolemia have a 50 percent chance to also have the condition and should be screened to determine the presence of a potential diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS:

Cholesterol screening is recommended for children at age 2 with a family history of high cholesterol or early onset cardiovascular disease, for all children between the ages of 9 and 11, for all young adults between the ages of 17 and 21, and for all adults approximately every 5 years; and
- THEREFORE:

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 24th, 2026, as FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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