



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** More than 33 million Americans have food allergies, nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS:** Research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Nine foods cause most of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame. Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and
- WHEREAS:** Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and
- WHEREAS:** Every 10 seconds, food allergy sends a patient to the emergency room. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
- WHEREAS:** Emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377 percent in only a decade; and
- WHEREAS:** Childhood food allergies cost U.S. families \$25 billion each year; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations such as FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) are dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them with hope through the promise of new treatments; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 10-15, 2026, as FOOD ALLERGY 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 6th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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