



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FTD AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) reports that Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) is a terminal and incurable neurodegenerative disease affecting the frontal and temporal lobes, causing impairments to speech, personality, behavior, and motor skills; and that it takes an average of 3.6 years from start of symptoms to get an accurate diagnosis of FTD with average life expectancy of 7-13 years after start of symptoms; and

WHEREAS: FTD may strike people between the ages of 21 and 80 with the largest percentage of those affected being between 45 and 64, and is the most common form of dementia for people under 60 years of age, rendering people in the prime of life unable to work or function normally; and

WHEREAS: FTD imposes average annual costs associated with care and living with the disease that are approximately double those of Alzheimer's disease; and is identified in The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and recognized as a related dementia and included as part of the vision of the nation; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious disease, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, and national levels; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 28th - October 2nd, 2026 as FTD 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 16th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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