

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

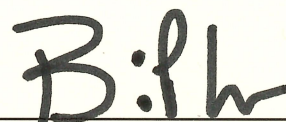
A PROCLAMATION

INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

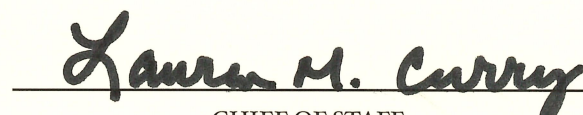
- WHEREAS:** Interstitial lung disease (ILD) refers to a group of disorders that cause inflammation and scarring of the lung tissue, leading to reduced oxygen exchange, shortness of breath, and impaired quality of life; and
- WHEREAS:** ILD includes conditions from environmental and occupational exposures, certain medications, autoimmune diseases, radiation, as well as idiopathic forms like idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, each posing unique challenges for diagnosis and care; and
- WHEREAS:** Early signs—such as persistent dry cough, exertional breathlessness, and finger clubbing—require prompt evaluation, with high-resolution CT scans, pulmonary function tests, and lab assessments aiding early detection; and
- WHEREAS:** Preventive steps, including avoiding harmful exposures, quitting smoking, careful monitoring of medications, and managing autoimmune conditions, can reduce disease progression and preserve lung function; and
- WHEREAS:** Available treatments—anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressive drugs, antifibrotic therapies, oxygen support, pulmonary rehabilitation, and lung transplantation for advanced cases—can improve quality of life and outcomes; and
- WHEREAS:** Ongoing research, clinical trials, and public education play a key role in advancing understanding, developing new therapies, and supporting individuals and families affected by ILD; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby February 2026, as INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.




GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF