



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MSD WORLD DAY

- WHEREAS:** Over 300 million people globally, including 25-30 million Americans (two-thirds children), are affected by rare diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency (MSD) impacts 1 in 500,000 individuals, thus, historically, little to no research has been done until recent years because of the lack of commercial viability for treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** MSD impacts, statistically, 750 patients in the United States and more than 15,000 worldwide; and
- WHEREAS:** Children with MSD typically do not live past their 13th birthday; and
- WHEREAS:** The date chosen in 2021 was July 30 in honor of the late Professor Thomas Dierks, one of the researchers who first described the biological cause of MSD and whose team identified the SUMF1 gene which encodes for the formylglycine generating enzyme deficient in MSD children; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2026 as MSD WORLD DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF