



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MYOSITIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Residents of Georgia are among those affected by myositis and other rare diseases, because nearly one in ten Americans have rare diseases; and

WHEREAS: Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (collectively referred to as myositis) are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases; and, myositis often features debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms, such as pain, fatigue, and trouble swallowing; and myositis can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease; and

WHEREAS: More research is needed to identify the causes of and modes of treatments for the myositis group of diseases, which includes anti-MDA5 autoantibody positive myositis; ant synthetase syndrome; dermatomyositis; juvenile dermatomyositis; immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy; inclusion body myositis; and polymyositis; and

WHEREAS: Myositis is difficult to diagnose, so treatment is often delayed, and individuals generally experience difficulty finding a health care provider with expertise in their condition; and

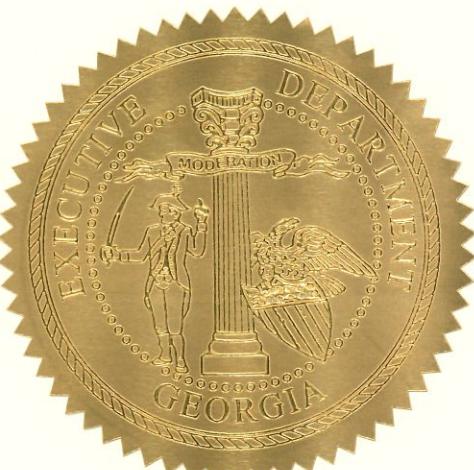
WHEREAS: All who suffer with myositis experience reduced quality of life, especially as no cure has been found and life expectancy is shortened, especially for those with inclusion body myositis; and women and people of color with all forms of myositis experience particularly pronounced health disparities; and

WHEREAS: The Myositis Association (TMA) is the leading international patient advocacy organization serving the myositis community, focusing on patient services, education, research, and public awareness, so as to achieve a world without myositis; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia joins The Myositis Association and its partnering organizations in observing Myositis Awareness Month in May 2026; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as MYOSITIS 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 27th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B.P.K.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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