



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Scleroderma, also known as systemic sclerosis, is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes excessive production and buildup of collagen in the skin and internal organs, producing scar-like tissue; and
- WHEREAS:** While the cause of scleroderma is unknown and there is currently no known cure, a variety of treatments are available that help control symptoms and prevent complications; and
- WHEREAS:** Diagnosis is often difficult and can take three to five years for individuals with scleroderma to receive an accurate diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS:** Increasing awareness among healthcare professionals and the public can help improve early recognition and diagnosis, leading to better outcomes and quality of life for people living with scleroderma; and
- WHEREAS:** Patient advocates, caregivers, researchers, and organizations are working to raise awareness, support those affected, and advance research toward better treatments and a cure; and
- WHEREAS:** Continued investment in medical research offers hope for improved treatments and ultimately a cure for scleroderma; and
- WHEREAS:** Residents of our community are living with scleroderma and demonstrate strength and resilience while navigating complex medical challenges; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June, 2026, as SCLERODERMA 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 12th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF