



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives every year in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, more than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis and 6,800 of these children die; and
- WHEREAS:** Sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the U.S., with costs for acute sepsis hospitalization and skilled nursing estimated to be \$62 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS:** On average, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects such as amputations (14,000 per year in the United States) and post-sepsis syndrome; and
- WHEREAS:** Communities that have historically lacked access to high-quality healthcare experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and
- WHEREAS:** Awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September, 2026, as SEPSIS 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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