



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 15th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



A handwritten signature of Brian P. Kemp in black ink.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

A handwritten signature of Lauren M. Curry in black ink.

CHIEF OF STAFF