



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### TARLOV CYST DISEASE DAY

- WHEREAS:** Tarlov Cyst Disease is classified as a rare disease in which cerebrospinal fluid-filled sacs form in the nerve roots, most commonly at the base of the spine, though they may occur anywhere along the spinal column; and
- WHEREAS:** While some individuals with Tarlov Cyst Disease may be asymptomatic, others experience nerve compression and inflammation that can lead to chronic pain, neurological dysfunction, muscle weakness, and bowel or bladder complications; and
- WHEREAS:** Symptoms of Tarlov Cyst Disease may be severe, progressive, and debilitating, often limiting a person's ability to sit, stand, or walk, and significantly impacting quality of life; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to overlapping symptoms with other conditions, Tarlov Cyst Disease is frequently underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed, making awareness and education critically important; and
- WHEREAS:** Treatment options remain limited and primarily focus on symptom management, though some patients may benefit from specialized surgical interventions; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased research, improved diagnostic methods, and expanded access to treatment are essential to better support individuals living with Tarlov Cyst Disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Raising public awareness can foster understanding, encourage early diagnosis, and support those affected by this condition and their families; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2026, as TARLOV CYST DISEASE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF