



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### TBC BLOOD DONOR MONTH

**WHEREAS:** A steady blood supply is essential to maintaining hospitals' ability to provide lifesaving blood products for patients; and

**WHEREAS:** One blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives; and

**WHEREAS:** Every two seconds someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion; and

**WHEREAS:** An estimated one in every seven patients will need a blood transfusion in a hospital; and

**WHEREAS:** An estimated sixty percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, but less than three percent do; and

**WHEREAS:** National Blood Donor Month serves as an important reminder to maintain a sufficient blood supply through volunteer donors; and

**WHEREAS:** Healing happens when communities share blood, individuals thrive and families remain whole; and

**WHEREAS:** The Blood Connection, whose mission is to provide local healthcare partners with safe, adequate and cost-effective blood supplies and services, operates three community blood centers across the state of Georgia, from Augusta to Savannah and supported by more than 60 bloodmobiles throughout its four-state service area, including its newly expanded blood distribution and operations center in Augusta; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January, 2026, as TBC BLOOD DONOR MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B.P.K.*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF